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Samaritans grant a Christmas wish

Accessible shower being built for resident injured performing heroic deed

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

Several local businesses and individual donors are offering time and money to grant a Christmas wish for Alissa Boyle, the 2008 United Local graduate injured while helping at an automobile crash earlier this year.

Coordinated by general contractor Shagnot Construction, the group of good Samaritans are donating time and money to install a handicap accessible shower onto an existing bathroom at the Boyle home just south of Salem.

Plans are to have the shower in by Christmas, according to Frank Shagnot Sr. "Everybody involved has said the same thing, everybody has wanted to help out," he said. "We want to help out because of the situation...she

is an invalid because she saved a man."

In February Boyle, who was set to graduate from the nursing program at Waynesburg University in May, jumped from an overpass on Interstate 79 in Pennsylvania, falling over 40 feet, to avoid being struck by oncoming traffic while assisting a man injured in a crash. She is now paralyzed from the waist down, but has resumed her studies and is continuing therapy in an effort to walk again.

Shagnot, who sings with Boyle's father, Jim, in a quartet, said the project has been in the works for almost two months.

Businesses also donating to the project include Jason Brown of Guilford Lake for tile installation, Home Depot of Salem for supplies and materials, United Rentals for an excavator and Mr. Guttermaker of Sebring for gutter

See SAMARITANS, 3A



Alissa Boyle, with her parents Lori and Jim Boyle, look through tile at Home Depot of Salem that will be used in a handicap accessible shower being installed at the family home through the efforts of several area businesses and private donations. Boyle was paralyzed from the waist down while attempting to help at an automobile crash in February. Joining the Boyles are, from left, Frank Shagnot Jr. of Shagnot Construction, Jim Rupert of Home Depot, Pastor Rod Doran of Community Bible Church, Greg Habeth of United Rentals, Dan Gribben of Home Depot and Frank Shagnot Sr. of Shagnot Construction. (Salem News photo by Kevin Howell)



Holiday faces

Santa Claus gently hugs 8-month-old Katarina Berardi of Boardman and 4-year-old Caeli Peterson of Salem works on her gingerbread house. The third annual Gingerbread Day was held Saturday in the Salem High School cafeteria, attracting over 400 children ages 3-13. Details and more photos on page 6A. (Salem News photos by J.D. Creer)



New drilling applications slow down

Staff Reports

LISBON — New gas drilling applications have again slowed to a crawl, with only two new well permits sought and/or approved in the past month or so.

The new permit applications in recent weeks were:
— Hartz well off Crestview Road in Fairfield Township.
— Tritten well off state Route 172 in Center Township.

Both applicants are Chesapeake Exploration. This brings to 53 the number of natural gas wells permits issued for Columbiana County since July 2010. Less than half have been drilled, and only one is currently in production, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources website.

The following are the permitted sites by township, but there can be more than one well per site:

See PERMITS, 3A

Parks board would like to use rail line as part of trail

But Port Authority wants to sell abandoned portion of Y&S Railway

By TOM GIAMBRONI
Staff Writer

LISBON — The Columbiana County Park District would like to make an abandoned portion of the former Youngstown & Southern Railway part of its bicycle trail, but the county Port Authority prefers using it in a way that would create jobs.

That was the gist of conversations park board President Dottie Betz said she recently had with Port Authority CEO Tracy Drake and Port Authority board President Steve Cooper.

"Their main goal is to make it active again. That's where it stands. If we could even come up with the money ... they stated they want to keep it an active line," she said of her conversations.

The park district operates the Little Beaver Creek Greenway Trail, a 12-mile bike trail connecting Lisbon and Washingtonville. The park board is also part of a regional effort to develop a bike trail extending from Lake Erie to the Ohio River by linking up the existing trails in Ashtabula, Trumbull and Mahoning counties.

As part of that effort, the board was looking at acquiring the 36-mile former Youngstown

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& Southern Railroad, which extends from Youngstown to Darlington, Pa., and is owned by the Port Authority.

The park would like to have obtained permission to turn the rail bed into a bike trail, which is what they did with the Greenway Trail. Betz said the Port Authority, while supportive of efforts to expand the Greenway Trail, would prefer selling the line so it can be used for commercial purposes.

The Port Authority has been trying to sell the rail line for some time but has been unsuccessful, although there is hope it may draw new interest because of the shale gas boom under way in the region.

In other park board news, Betz said they turned down a request from Hawkeye Research, which was seeking permission to run a waterline under the Greenway Trail near state Route 558 in Salem Township.

The waterline was to transport water from the Middle Fork of the Little Beaver Creek to the shale gas well drilled on the Weaver property. Betz said they turned down their request because of concern over the potential impact of using the creek as a water source to frack the well, which can take 5 million of gallons of water.

Tickets now available for New Year's Eve Victory Gospel Jubilee

Free tickets are now available for the New Year's Eve Victory Gospel Jubilee to be held at the North Lima Business Complex Auditorium on Dec. 31.

National southern gospel artist Jerry Garcia will be the headliner for the evening of music hosted by the Golden Street Singers. Also on the program will be the Stillwater trio. Garcia, who has been in the music ministry since he sang his first song in church as a young boy, performs hundreds of concerts each year, sings on gospel cruises and has appeared at the National Quartet Convention.

Garcia and his wife, Sarah, share a special ministry of love to children with severe, even terminal illness.

Stillwater members Ed and Ed Woodard have been singing in groups for more than 30 years. They are joined by lead singer Enola Grovesteen.

The Golden Street Singers have hosted all of the Victory Gospel Jubilees.

A buffet dinner by the Hen House Café will be available 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12. Singing begins at 7 p.m. Reservations for dinner can be made when you order your free tickets. Several door prizes will be awarded, including a weekend at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Pennsylvania.

To order tickets please call 1-800-284-9709.



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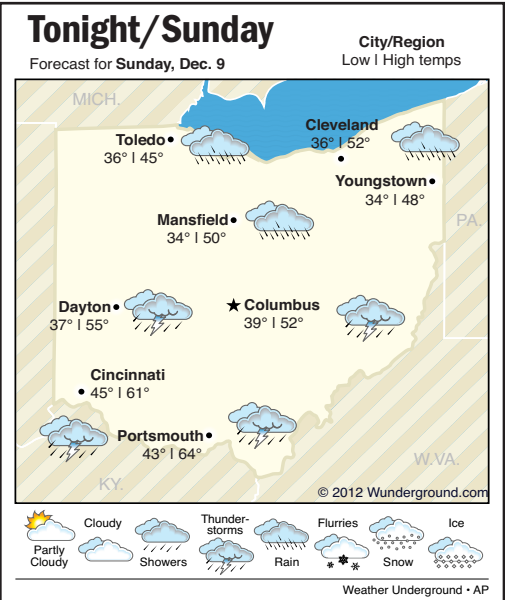
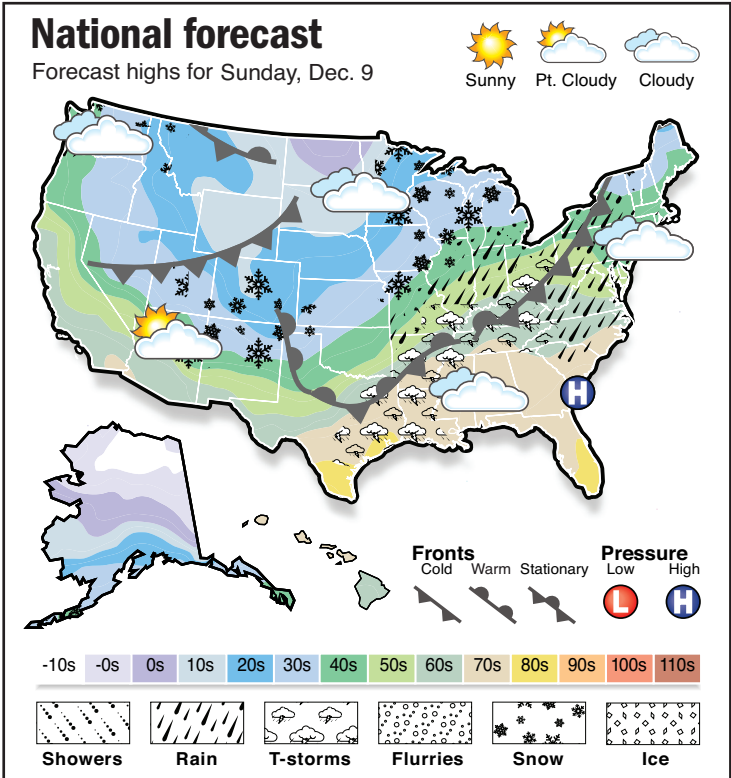
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WEATHER

THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Cloudy. Showers likely in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 50s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 60 percent. Tonight.....Occasional showers with a chance of thunderstorms. Not as cool. Near steady temperature in the upper 40s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 90 percent. Monday...Cloudy. Showers likely in the morning...Then a chance of rain and snow showers in the afternoon. Little or no snow accumulation. Highs in the upper 40s. Temperature falling into the upper 30s in the afternoon. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent. Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow showers. Much colder with lows in the upper 20s. Tuesday...Mostly cloudy in the morning...Then becoming partly sunny. Highs in the upper 30s. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Cold with lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday...Sunny. Highs around 40. Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Cold with lows in the upper 20s. Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. Thursday night...Mostly clear. Cold with lows in the upper 20s. Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s.

CLEVELAND: Today...Cloudy. Showers likely in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 50s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 60 percent. Sunday night...Occasional showers with a chance of thunderstorms. Near steady temperature in the mid 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph...Becoming southwest after midnight. Chance of rain 80 percent. Monday...Cloudy. Showers likely in the morning...Then a chance of rain and snow showers in the afternoon. Little or no snow accumulation. Highs in the mid 40s. Temperature falling into the upper 30s in the afternoon.



Extended Forecast

Today 52/45	Monday 48/28	Tuesday 38/25	Wednesday 40/28
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Police: Boy, 7, shot to death at gun store

MERCER, Pa. (AP) — A man’s handgun went off while he was holding it as he got into his truck in the parking lot of a western Pennsylvania gun store Saturday and the shot killed his 7-year-old son, authorities said.

Joseph V. Loughrey, 44, was getting into the truck when the 9 mm handgun discharged, wounding Craig Allen Loughrey in the chest, according to state police. The boy died at the scene at Twigs Reloading Den in East Lackawannock Township, 60 miles north of Pittsburgh. Store owner Leonard Mohny said the boy was shot in the parking lot, but that he didn’t see what happened.

Investigators said Loughrey told them he didn’t realize there was a bullet still in the chamber. “This happens all too often where people think the gun was empty,” Lt. Eric Hermick told The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

Joseph Loughrey was questioned by state police, who said he was cooperative and distraught. The shooting is being investigated as an accident.

Messages left for the coroner’s office and at a listing in Loughrey’s name were not immediately returned.

ACROSS OUR NATION

The school lunch rules apply to federally subsidized lunches served to low-income children.

Those meals have always been subject to nutritional guidelines because they are partially paid for by the federal government, but the new rules put broader restrictions on what could be served as childhood obesity rates have skyrocketed.

School kids can still buy additional foods in other parts of the lunchroom and the school. Congress two years ago directed USDA to regulate those foods as well, but the department has yet to issue those rules.

Montana Sen. Jon Tester, a Democratic among the lawmakers who wrote to USDA about the rules, praised the move.

“Schools need flexibility to make sure kids get the nutrition they need to focus on their studies,” he said.

Man in subway death blames voices

NEW YORK (AP) — The man who police say pushed another man to his death in front of an oncoming New York City subway train says he was high on drugs and trying combat voices in his head.

Authorities have charged 30-year-old Naeem Davis with second-degree murder in the Monday death of 58-year-old Ki-Suck Han.

Davis tells the New York Post in a jailhouse interview that Han had grabbed his arm and threatened him earlier. He says he was coaxed into shoving Han by voices in his head that he couldn’t control.

Davis tells the newspaper he didn’t attempt to pull Han to safety because “it happened so fast” and he was “under the influence” at the time.

He says he didn’t mean to kill Han.

Man in Ariz. claims half of Powerball jackpot

PHOENIX (AP) — Fallout from the looming fiscal cliff has drifted into the Powerball arena.

A man who lottery officials announced Friday has claimed his half of the \$587.5 million Powerball jackpot, decided to collect the winnings now and not next year because of the financial uncertainty posed by the nation’s ongoing financial impasse.

The man, who is in his 30s from a wealthy Phoenix suburb, decided to remain anonymous after he bought \$10 worth of tickets and kept the winning slip in the visor of his car overnight before realizing he was a multimillionaire.

He gave \$20 to the cashier of a Fountain Hills convenience store, and the clerk nudged him to spend the entire amount on tickets. He declined the offer.

After the man and his wife learned of their good fortune, the husband pulled together a team of financial advisers and decided to take all of his share this month to avoid potentially higher taxes in 2013, said Karen Bach, a lottery official.

“He did have concern with the uncertainty with the fiscal cliff in 2013,” Bach said, referring to the federal fiscal situation that could result in higher income tax rates.

The man and his lawyer met with lottery officials Friday, and he opted to take the cash option of \$192 million before taxes. Lottery officials said his wife owns half the prize because Arizona is a community property state.

“He and his wife couldn’t believe it,” Bach said. “They checked the numbers over and over again — absolutely shocked.”

Bach said the man is smart and wants to take time to make a solid financial plan and set up a charitable entity to aid causes that he and his wife support. Lottery officials say the man told them he enjoys his job and has no immediate plans to quit.

The unidentified winner later issued a statement that said: “It is difficult to express just how thankful we are for this

wonderful gift. We are extremely grateful and feel fortunate to now have an increased ability to support our charities and causes. Obviously, this has been incredibly overwhelming and we have always cherished our privacy.”

The statement directed all inquiries to an Arizona law firm, which didn’t immediately return a call after business hours Friday.

A mechanic and his wife, Mark and Cindy Hill, of Dearborn, Mo., already have claimed their half of the multistate Powerball prize.

The jackpot was the second-largest in U.S. history and set off a nationwide buying frenzy. At one point, tickets were selling at nearly 130,000 a minute.

Before the Nov. 28 drawing, the jackpot had rolled over 16 consecutive times without any winners. In a Mega Millions drawing in March, three ticket buyers shared a \$656 million jackpot, the largest lottery payout of all time.

Lottery officials said the Arizona couple moved from Pennsylvania a year ago.

While in Pennsylvania, the couple regularly played the lottery but had done so only twice since moving to Arizona, Bach said.

After realizing he had won, the man and his wife spent the weekend “trying to recover from the shock,” Bach said.

Obama: Republicans blocking tax bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Saturday that Republicans in the House are blocking a bill that would prevent a tax increase on the first \$250,000 of income earned by all Americans.

The Democratic-controlled Senate has approved the measure, but Obama said House Republicans have “put forward an unbalanced plan that actually lowers rates for the wealthiest Americans.” Obama supports a plan to raise taxes on families earning more than \$250,000.

In his weekly radio and Internet address, Obama said “the math just doesn’t work” on the GOP plan.

Obama’s comments mark the fourth time since his re-election that he has used the radio address to push for middle-class tax cuts as part of a plan to avert a looming fiscal cliff — and his most sharply partisan tone.

Obama said his plan to raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans should come as no surprise to Republicans or anyone else.

“After all, this was a central question in the election. A clear majority of Americans — Democrats, Republicans and independents — agreed with a balanced approach that asks something from everyone, but a little more from those who can most afford it,” Obama said.

His plan is “the only way to put our economy on a sustainable path without asking even more from the middle class,” Obama said. It also is the only plan he is willing to sign, the president said.

Obama’s comments came as House Speaker John Boehner said Friday there has been no progress in negotiations to avert the “fiscal cliff,” a combination of automatic tax increases and spending cuts set to take effect in January.

Boehner said the White House has wasted another week and has failed to respond to a GOP offer to raise tax revenues and cut spending. Obama and Boehner spoke privately by phone on Wednesday. Boehner described the conversation as pleasant, “but just more of the same.”

Obama said in his address that he stands ready to work with Republicans on a plan that spurs economic growth, creates jobs and reduces the national deficit. He said he wants to find ways to bring down health care costs without hurting seniors and is willing to make more cuts in entitlement programs such as Medicare.

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio said in the Republican response Saturday that tax increases will not solve the nation’s \$16 trillion debt. Only economic growth and reform of entitlement programs will help control the debt, Rubio said.

12 Days of Christmas Raffle Winners

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Watch for the list of **Winners** in the *Salem News* daily December 1st-12th. Contact the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, 330-337-3473, to pick up your prize.

All winning tickets will be re-entered daily to be eligible for all prizes.

Rotting whale in Malibu likely left to nature

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — No government agency is taking action to remove the decaying carcass of a whale on a California beach, making it appear the job will be left to Mother Nature.

The corpse of the huge fin whale created a spectacle on Friday as people wandered down the narrow Malibu beach to look at the remains — white bones, rolls of blubber and the tail flukes trailing along the water’s edge.

The homes of movie stars, celebrities and others line the cliffs high above the slender beach.

The 40-foot-long, 40,000-pound juvenile male washed ashore Monday near Point Dume, which marks the western end of Santa Monica Bay, about 30 miles west of downtown Los Angeles.

“From the evidence that we have so far, it appears that it was hit by a ship,” said Jonsie Ross, marine mammal coordinator for the California Wildlife Center.

Fin whales are endangered, and about 2,300 live along the West Coast.

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DEATHS

Ruth Marjorie Suliot

SALEM — Ruth Marjorie Suliot, 85, of Salem, died at 10:10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012 at her home.

She was born Oct. 1, 1927 in Greenford, Ohio the daughter of the late John and Mary (Matuscak) Sox.

She graduated from Greenford High School and before her marriage worked in the office at the AFL-CIO as a secretary. Ruth and her late husband, Eugene owned and operated the Suliot Farm Market for over 50 years. She was a member of the Greenford Lutheran Church and was a former member of the Salem Quota Club. She enjoyed swimming and was a member of the Aqua Bobbers Swimming Club at Highland Creek.

Her husband, Eugene T. Suliot, whom she married Nov. 17, 1951, preceded her in death May 23, 1990. A son, John T. Suliot; four sisters, Mary Bricker, Helen Gideon, Elizabeth Lippiatt and Pauline White; and two brothers, Edward and Joe Sox also preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, Larry E. Suliot and fiancée Connie Ganslein of Salem; a daughter, Diane E. (Larry) Tullis of Salem; a brother, John (Ginny) Sox of Salem; two sisters, Dorothy Baer and Vera Cain both of Salem; a grandson, Lance Tullis of Salem; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home with Rev. Michael Bennett officiating. Calling hours will be held on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Grandview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Greenford Lutheran Church, Memorial Fund, P. O. Box 104, Greenford, Ohio 44422 or donor's choice.

This obituary may be viewed and condolences sent to the family online at www.starkmemorial.com.

12/9/12
(Paid obituary)

Betty L. Starlin

SALEM — Betty L. Starlin, 78, of Salem, Ohio, died at 3:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 2012 at the Salem Community Hospital.

She was born Feb. 10, 1934 in Ripley, West Virginia, the daughter of the late Isaac Lewis and Docia Pearl (Scyco) Hornbeck.

Before her retirement she had work as a typesetter for 32 years at American Paper Products and had previously worked at K.F.C. as a prep cook for eight years.

Her first husband, David Pethtel, and her second husband, Jack Starlin, preceded her in death. She was also preceded by four sisters, Bertha Adkin, Nelly McCullough, Martha Law and L. Ernestine Hall and four brothers, Warren, Walter, Harry and Calvin Hornbeck.

Survivors include two sons, David (Denise) Pethtel of Negley, Ohio and John (Nancy) Pethtel of Negley; two daughters, Barbara Pethtel of Salem and Carol (Jim) McCowin of Salem; a brother, Isaac (Beverly) Hornbeck; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012 at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home with Pastor Jeremy Ray officiating. Calling hours will be held Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Kimble Cemetery in Elkton.

This obituary may be viewed and condolences sent to the family online at www.starkmemorial.com.

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Holocaust survivor, 99, lights menorah in Ohio

COLUMBUS (AP) — The start of Hanukkah on Saturday night had special meaning for a Holocaust survivor in Ohio who turns 100 next week. Abe Weinrib was selected to light the first candle on a 13-foot public menorah at Easton Town Center in Columbus on Saturday evening. As a victim of the Holocaust, “it’s a miracle I survived,” Weinrib, who will turn 100 on Tuesday, told The Columbus Dispatch.

Hanukkah commemorates the reclamation by the Macabees of the Second Jewish Temple after it was desecrated by Syrian Greeks in the second century B.C. Hanukkah runs through sundown on Dec. 16.

“He’s lighting a candle of hope, of love and of meaning,” said Rabbi Areyah Kalt-

mann of the Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center in New Albany, which sponsors the Easton menorah lighting and another in Bexley on Tuesday. “He is the flame. His life and Hanukkah are synonymous.”

Weinrib was in his 20s, working in Polish factories owned by his wealthy industrialist uncle, when he was arrested and beaten repeatedly by Nazi police who believed that he knew where his uncle might have hidden gold, silver and diamonds.

He spent six years imprisoned in several camps, including the notorious Auschwitz, where more than 1 million prisoners died.

He remembers giving a portion of his bread to other prisoners, having a job dragging corpses to ditches and seeing then-Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower cry over the carnage. He was at the Bergen-Belsen camp in Germany when it was liberated in 1945 by British forces.

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DUTKO, DOROTHY H. (90)
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WERTZ, KARL J. (44)
Arrangements pending

Dorothy H. Dutko

SALEM — Dorothy H. Dutko, 90, of Salem, died at 8:40 p.m. Friday at the Sentara Leigh Hospital in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Arrangements are pending at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home.

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Karl J. Wertz

SALEM — Karl J. Wertz, 44, of Salem died at 11 a.m. Saturday at his home.

Arrangements are pending at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home.

12/9/12

Shirley Ann Wolfe

SALEM — Shirley Ann Wolfe, 66, of Salem died at 11:58 p.m. Friday Dec. 7, 2012 at the Salem Community Hospital.

She was born Oct. 2, 1946 in Turbotville, Pa., the daughter of the Grace (Plotts) Menges and the late Claire Menges.

Shirley worked for 16 years for Lowe's Home Improvement in Boardman. Previously she was a beautician. She was a graduate of Warrior Run High School in Turbotville. Shirley and her husband operated Shirley's Creations and she enjoyed knitting, crocheting and embroidering. She was a member of the Professional Towers of Ohio, a Past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Stars in Lewisburg, Pa. and Methodist by faith.

Survivors include her husband, Robert E. Wolfe, whom she married Nov. 12, 1967; a son, Denvius Wolfe of Salem; a daughter, Cheryl (Bryan) Campbell of Rhome, Texas; a brother, Scott (Sue) Menges of Stratford, Oklahoma; a twin sister, Sandra (Jerry) Smith of Milton, Pennsylvania and three grandchildren, Joshua Campbell, Tyler Campbell and Shelby Wolfe.

Calling hours will be held Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the Stark Memorial Funeral home.

Services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday at the William F. Brooks Funeral Home, 207 Broadway, Turbotville, Pa., 17772 and calling hours will be held Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at the William F. Brooks Funeral Home. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Milton, Pennsylvania.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.

This obituary may be viewed and condolences sent to the family online at www.starkmemorial.com.

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(Paid obituary)

Soldier's slaying in US is bitter irony for family

DENVER (AP) — Army Spc. Brandy Fonteneaux's death came not on a battlefield in Afghanistan but on an infantry post in Colorado — allegedly at the hand of a fellow soldier — and that makes the pain even worse for her family.

The 28-year-old from Houston had been stabbed 74 times when she was found in her room in a Fort Carson barracks on Jan. 8, Army investigators said. Officials said she had also been choked.

“We could have taken this much better if Brandy had been killed in war,” said Fonteneaux's aunt, Bevenley Thomas, who raised her from infancy. “But to be murdered here in the U.S. in your barracks in your sleep is just not right.”

A court-martial is scheduled to start Monday for Sgt. Vincinte Jackson, an Army combat engineer charged with murder and premeditated murder in Fonteneaux's death.

If convicted, his sentence could range from life in prison with a chance for parole in as few as 10 years to life in prison without possibility of parole, Army officials said.

His attorneys declined to comment.

Jackson, an eight-year Army veteran from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., was 40 at the time of the killing. He was with the 576th Engineer Company, 4th Engineer Battalion. Fonteneaux was a food operations specialist in the 4th Engineer Battalion.

Authorities haven't publicly divulged any motive for the killing. There was no evidence Fonteneaux was sexually assaulted, Thomas said, although Army officials told the family some of her clothing had been removed or pushed up to her neck.

Fonteneaux knew Jackson but they were not close, Thomas said. Fonteneaux had told her family that

Jackson confided in her about his crumbling marriage.

Thomas said she asked Fonteneaux if she and Jackson had a romantic relationship, and she replied, “No, Mom, he's married. He's too old.”

“I know her like that,” Thomas said. “We didn't have secrets.”

Jackson deployed to Iraq for five months in 2005-06. He went to Iraq again in February 2009 for about two months and then was sent to Afghanistan for nearly a year. Jackson received the Purple Heart, but the details of his injury were unavailable.

Thomas, also from Houston, said Army officials told her family that Jackson did not show signs of post-traumatic stress at the time of the killing. She still wants the military to pay more attention to servicemen and women returning from combat deployments.

“I definitely want justice, but I also want them to look closer at our soldiers,” she said. “The least we can do is to make sure that they are healthy and get themselves back into society.”

“I don't understand what's going on out there (at Fort Carson),” she said.

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— Firefighters discovered apparent drug paraphernalia while investigating a blaze at 920 W. Wilson St. at 10:14 a.m. Friday. Fire personnel responded to the home after a neighbor reported smoke coming from the eaves. Residents were home at the time, but were unaware of the situation. The fire was found in an attic bedroom and extinguished with water from a tanker. The first floor sustained water damage. While removing contents from the attic bedroom, personnel discovered the paraphernalia in a box near the fire's origin.

— Firefighters responded to 468 Aetna St. at 9:30 a.m. Saturday for a report of smoke coming from a washing machine. Firefighters disconnected the utilities to the machine and determined the smoke to be coming from an overheated motor. There was no fire.

POLICE

SALEM REPORTS

— Officers responded to a private property crash in the 2400 block of East State Street at 2:18 p.m. Friday in which Jarrit D. Manley, 25, Salem, claimed that he had slammed on his brakes while traveling northbound in the main lane of the Giant Eagle parking lot approaching East State Street to avoid a collision, causing his dog to slam into the windshield, shattering it and damaging the center console. The driver of the westbound vehicle, Debra L. Waite, 54, Salem, claimed that both had stopped at the intersection, started forward and then slammed on their brakes. The vehicles did not collide and no one was cited.

— Police responded to a Short Avenue home at 6:58 p.m. Friday after officers were advised of several people in a vehicle possibly transporting guns stolen from a Crestview Road home in Leetonia being investigated by the Columbiana County Sheriff's Office. Officers recovered four guns in the basement and charges are pending an investigation. During the investigation, Michael P. Esenwein, 538 W. Park Ave., Columbiana, was arrested on an active warrant out of the Columbiana Police Department.

— A Sharp Avenue resident reported on station at 11:19 p.m. Friday that while he was at work that day, a man he had already warned to stay away from his girlfriend had been banging on his door while the girlfriend was inside. The resident played for officers three harassing voice messages from the man toward his girlfriend.

— Police responded to the 400 block of Continental Drive at 1:08 a.m. Saturday in reference to a suspicious man attempting to gain entry into vehicles in the parking lot. Officers found the man walking away when they arrived. He claimed that he was just walking through on his way home and denied the accusation.

— Officers responded to a 1200 block East Third Street home at 1:20 a.m. Saturday where a woman reported someone had entered five vehicles in the driveway, rummaging through the glove boxes and center consoles, but only taking loose change.

SALEM TOWNSHIP REPORT

— Robert Kaiser, state Route 45, reported a tenant at the motel where he has been living was evicted. Kaiser said there had been problems between the two and, Friday morning, he discovered someone had let the air out of his front left tire. A suspect vehicle was seen by a neighbor shortly after midnight.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

— Richard F. Bable, Carbon Hill Road, East Palestine, told deputies he learned from the state of Pennsylvania it has a hold on his Ohio driver's license due to a registration violation in that state. He believes this is due to a 1980s incident in which his cousin used his identification. He wanted a report on file since he has learned of similar situations in several states in which his cousin has lived.

— Shelly Guthrie, Winona Road, Salem, reported receiving a call from a man claiming she owed money for a student loan which she never had. The man advised there is a warrant for her arrest and he would make sure she lost her job, Guthrie reported. She wanted a report on file for what she suspected is a scam.

— Sheila Holloway, Crestview Road, Leetonia, reported returning home to find her son's bedroom door kicked in and three shotguns and two rifles taken. The door had been padlocked. Her laptop computer was also taken.

— Rachel Hanson, Sherman, Oregon, asked for a welfare check on a Leetonia Road man, who said he was fine.

United Christmas Band Concert is today

HANOVERTON — The United Local Christmas Band Concert will be held at 2:30 p.m. today in the high school auditorium. Admission is free. The public is welcome to attend.

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work.

The Community Bible Church in Beloit has also made a monetary donation to the project and there are many other private donations, as well.

Boyle offered a heartfelt thanks to those in the community who have helped her in her recovery and transition in life, and recognized the efforts of those working on this project.

“It means a lot to me,” she said. “This is going to help out a lot, make life a little easier for me.”

Kevin Howell can be reached at khowell@salemnews.net

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SUN/9
BELOIT
The West Branch High School Instrumental Music Department's free performance "Sounds of the Season," 2 p.m., high school auditorium.

LEETONIA
Deer Expo, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Leetonia Sportsman's Club, 311 E. High St. Adult admission, \$3 without a buck rack or \$1 with a rack; free for 15 years and younger when accompanied by an adult; 330-822-0100 or email at bharding37@com-cast.net.

Oakdale Cemetery Christmas Remembrance of Loved Ones, 2 p.m., cemetery chapel. Pastor Kari Lankford will officiate. For information call Susan Simpson at 330-853-0568.

LISBON
"The Sounds of Christmas," Hope Christian Fellowship, located across from Beaver Local High School, 13320 state Route 7, 2 and 7 p.m.

All-dauber Bingo, 6 p.m., Lisbon Lions; doors open at 4 p.m.

NORTH GEORGETOWN
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, community Christmas caroling, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. through the streets of North Georgetown. Members of First Brethren and community members welcome to participate. Sandwiches and beverages served at noon in the Emmanuel's Fellowship Hall prior to caroling. Caroling will conclude at 1:30 at the church.

SALEM
Salem High School Class of 1969, lunch, noon, BB Rooners.

Salem Community Theatre, 2 p.m., "Honkytonk Angels Holiday Spectacular." Adults \$14, seniors \$10, students \$8. Information and tickets are available by calling the Theatre box office at 330-332-9688.

"How the Grinch Almost Stole Christmas," Salem First Friends Church, 1028 Jennings Ave. Doors open 6:30 p.m. with refreshments and Elegance String Quartet. Program starts at 7 p.m. Free, no tickets required. 330-332-0001.

MON/10
COLUMBIANA
TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins-9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

Community Christian Women, Nazarene Church, 12:30 p.m. Lunch, \$6; 330-482-2155 or 330-482-2152.

American Legion Post 290, state Roue 14, "Gift for Yanks" dinner, 5-8 p.m. Cabbage roll, parsley potatoes, green beans, dessert and choice of coffee or tea. Donations accepted to benefit "Gift for Yanks" program. Open to the public.

EAST PALESTINE
Village Council, 7 p.m., Park Community Center.

... ON THE **Calendar** THIS WEEK ...

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., Administration Building.

LISBON
National Alliance on Mental Illness, support group meeting, 7 p.m., B wing conference room at the Mental Health Clinic, state Route154.

Beaver Local Board of Education, regular session, 6:30 p.m. High school room #2, 13187 state Route 7.

Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

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NEW WATERFORD
Foster Family Appreciation Dinner and Fun Night, Abundant Life Fellowship, 46469 state Route 46. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., buffet dinner at 6 p.m.; 330-457-7317.

PERRY TOWNSHIP
Board of Trustees, meeting, 6:30 p.m., administration building, North Ellsworth Avenue.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem High Class of 1944, breakfast, 9 a.m., Adele's Place.

R-Weigh weight groups, 1 and 5 p.m. meetings, Faith Chapel; 330-332-1078.

Emotions Anonymous, 2-3 p.m., Dunkin Donuts, West State Street; 330-332-1045.

Salem Planning Commission, meeting, 4:30 p.m., city hall council chambers, regarding rezoning portion of land east of the terminus of Oak Street, Tanglewood, Kennedy and Edgewood drives from RA Multiple Family to RS-2 Single Family.

Banquet in Salem, 5 to 7 p.m., Memorial Building, provided by an anonymous donor, chicken noodle soup, ham, cheese potatos, fresh veggies, green beans, apple sauce, fruit and ice cream Sundaes. Anyone wishing to volunteer or host a Banquet may call 330-831-2169

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.

Getting Crafty class, 6:30 p.m., Salem Public Library's Quaker Room. Register at the adult services desk or 330-332-0042.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.; 330-332-2152.

SALINEVILLE
Southern Local Board of Education, meeting, 6:30 p.m., room E136.

WASHINGTONVILLE
VFW 5532 Ladies Auxiliary, Christmas party, 6 p.m., Mason's Steakhouse; sign up at post.

TUE/11
BEAVER TOWNSHIP
ODOT public meeting for state Route 46 alterations at the South Range Local K-12 Campus, 5-7 p.m., campus cafeteria.

BOARDMAN
The Mahoning and Columbiana Training Association's Youth Development Training Center 12th Annual Winter Conference, 5 p.m., Georgetown Banquet Facility, 5945 South Ave., Boardman.

COLUMBIANA
Columbiana Senior Citizens, pizza luncheon, 10 a.m., Upper Room.

EAST PALESTINE
Christmas Pajama Storytime, East Palestine Memorial Public Library, 6:30 p.m. Children invited to wear their pajamas and to bring a stuffed animal. Program will feature stories, music, and a visit from Santa. 330-426-3778.

ELKTON
Elkrun Township trustees, meeting, 7 p.m., township administration building on state Route 154.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP
Hanover Township Historical Society, covered dish meal, 6:30 p.m., McKam residence, Campbell Road.

LEETONIA
Preschool storytime, 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Library Board meeting, 5:30 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Veterans Outpost and Home Front (family) support meetings, 7 p.m., Point Man's of Leetonia, 116 1/2 Oak St.; 800-877-8387.

LISBON
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fleming House behind McDonald's; 330-337-0940.

Salem-Lisbon La Leche League, 7 p.m., New Lisbon Presbyterian Church, 111 E. Chestnut St.

NEW WATERFORD
Village council, 7 p.m., community building, 3760 Village Park Drive.

SALEM
Salem Community Hospital retirees and former employees, informal lunch, 11 a.m., Das Dutch Haus in Columbiana.

Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center.

Christmas open house, 1-3 p.m., Century House of Salem, 1171 E. State St.

Utilities Commission meeting, 3 p.m., utilities conference room.

Salem Historical Society meeting, 7 p.m. in Shaffer Library meeting room. Program: "Christmas Collectibles" by Joanne Reilly. Installation of 2013 officers. Sing-A-Long by Martha Rogowsky. Public invited.

Tourism Advisory Board of Salem, meeting, 6:30 p.m., Salem Area Chamber of Commerce's conference room.

Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Jack Halkides Quintet with special guest Peggy Coyle, 6-8 p.m., Salem Community Center; 330-332-5885.

Quota International of Salem, Christmas party, Smucker House, 6 p.m...; questions contact Connie Phillips.

Salem Jubilee Chorus practice. Male singers wanted, 7-8:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-337-6682.

SEBRING
Free blood pressure, pulse and oxygen saturation screenings, 1-3 p.m., Sebring Public Library; provided by Salem Area Visiting Nurse.

WED/12
ALLIANCE
Holiday brunch, 10 a.m., Alliance Area Senior Center, 602 W. Vine St., \$6.50; advance tickets only, 330-821-3348.

COLUMBIANA
Columbiana High School Class of 1951, breakfast, 9 a.m., Das Dutch Haus; all classes welcome.

Columbiana County Genealogical Society, meeting, 7 p.m., Dale Shaffer Library. Members are asked to bring finger foods to share. Drinks and table service will be provided. Guests welcome. The next meeting will not be until March.

The Heart Works cardiac support group, 7 p.m., Grace Church of Columbiana, 140 S. Main. Speaker: Dietician Heather Kollar. 330-892-0512.

Salem Area Singles, meeting, 6 p.m., Heck's restaurant.

Crestview Schools Board of Education, meeting, 7 p.m., Performing Arts Center, 44100 Crestview Road.

EAST PALESTINE
East Palestine High School Class of 1954, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Antone's in Columbiana.

LEETONIA
Toddler playgroup, 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

"A Dickens of a Good Time," 7 to 8:30 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library; register by Dec. 10, 330-427-6635.

SALEM
TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins, 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-332-1127. Handicap accessible.

Kaiser/National retirees and past employee, breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Adele's Place.

United High School Class of 1960, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem Kiwanis Club, lunch, noon, Salem Community Center, speaker will be Larry Kosiba, from the Dept. of Housing and Economic Development Initiatives.

Live nativity, 7-9 p.m., Salem Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1095 Newgarden Ave. Christmas reading every half hour. Live animals, caroling, hot cocoa and cookies. 330-332-1992.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

WASHINGTONVILLE
Washingtonville VFW Post meeting 6 p.m.

FRI/14
BELOIT
"Christmas Carols, Cookies and Candy Canes" Holiday Show and Reception, 7 p.m., West Branch Community Auditorium; featuring the "Young and Alive" Show Choir; \$5.

HANOVERTON
Cookie walk, 6-8 p.m., United High School cafeteria; \$4 per dozen.

LISBON
Lepper Library, Family Christmas Pajama Party, 6-7 p.m. All ages are invited to come and enjoy stories, music, crafts and games. There will a prize for everyone who wears his or her favorite PJs. Refreshments will be served.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Deadline to donate new hats for pediatric patients at Akron-Children's Hospital in Boardman; collection bin at Kent State University, Salem campus, main lobby area.

Goshen Home Extension, 11 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

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LISBON
David Anderson High School Class of 1956, 9 a.m., Taste of Country.

SALEM
Men of the Salem High School Class of 1960, lunch, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem High School Class of 1939, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf & Country Club.

Salem Community Hospital's Look Nook Gift Shop, book signing for local author Karen Biery, 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Christmas open house, 1-3 p.m., Century House of Salem, 1171 E. State St.

Salem United Commercial Travelers Council 590, 6:30 p.m., Perkins Restaurant; business session will immediately follow.

TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

New Year's Eve Salem, 7:30 p.m., Donna Chappell residence.

SEBRING
Sebring American Legion Post 76 Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 pm. at the post. Yearly Christmas party.

Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

THU/13
DAMASCUS
TOPS Chapter 1329, 9 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-525-7785.

EAST PALESTINE
Free blood pressure, pulse and oxygen saturation screenings, 1-3 p.m., East Palestine Public Library; provided by Salem Area Visiting Nurse.

LEETONIA
Leetonia High School classes 1958-61, dinner, 6 p.m., Angenetta's in Canfield.

Leetonia Student Christmas Concert, 6 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

LISBON
Deadline to donate items for the County Sheriff's Office Toy Drive benefiting Akron Children's Hospital. Donate gifts, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the sheriff's office in the courthouse basement, or in the basement at the sheriff's office, 8374 County Home Road.

NEW WATERFORD
Salem Community Hospital/Lake Mount Church of Christ co-sponsoring a blood drive, 2-6 p.m., 6290 state Route 7. Appointments, 800-GIVE-LIFE.



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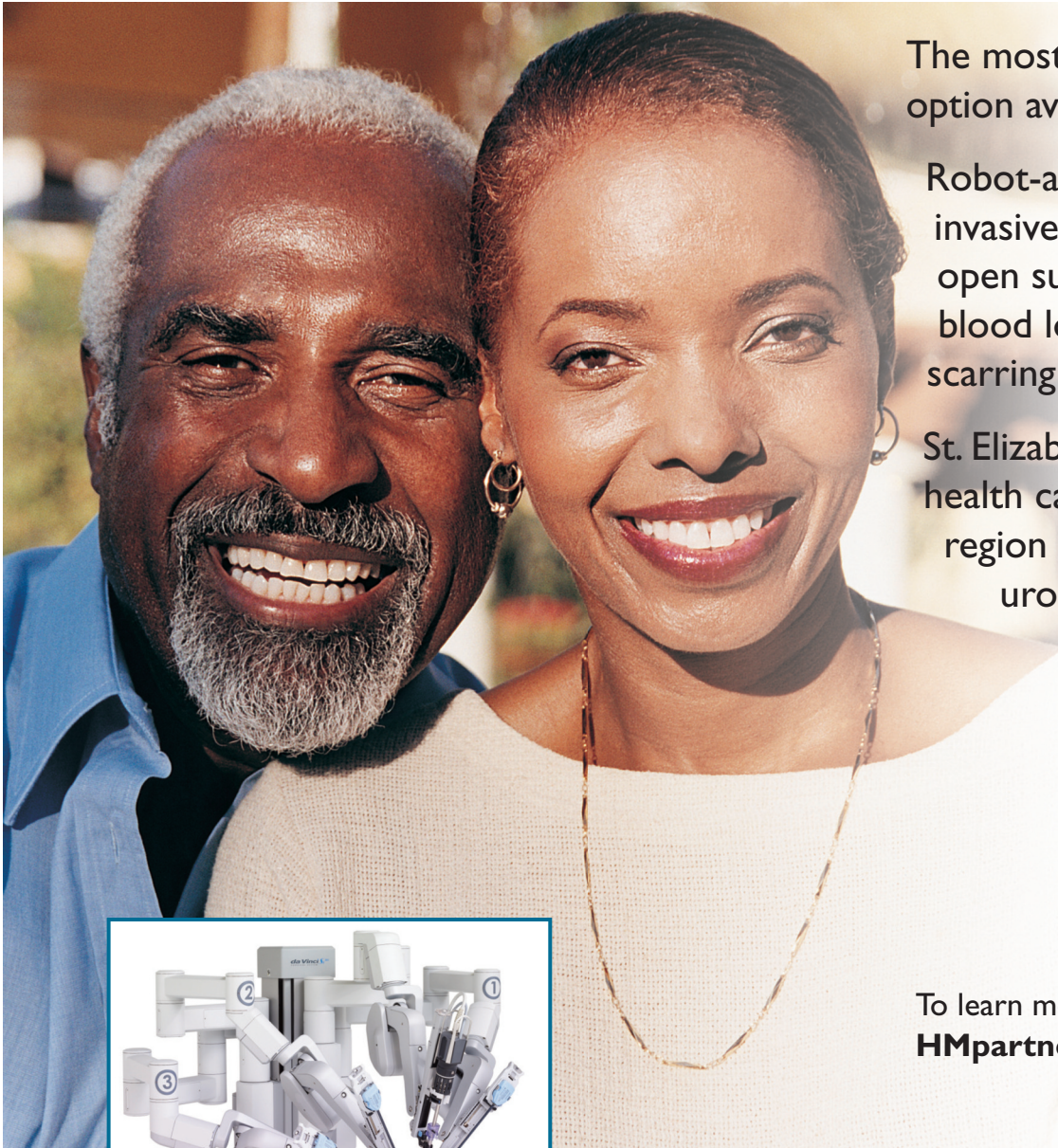


What a fun day!
The third annual Gingerbread Day was held Saturday in the Salem High School cafeteria, attracting over 400 children ages 3-13. Santa and Mrs. Claus were on hand and the event included a stroll down Candy Cane Lane, a gingerbread house craft, a story at the Gum Drop Library and a movie in Frosty's Funtime Theatre. Snacks, face-painting and a post office drop were provided. Coordinated by parents Glory Zamarelli and Lisa Bezon, the event is funded solely by donations through the Salem Community Foundation. Shown in the left photo are youngsters, from left, Emma Harsh, 3, of Salem; Layne Jones, 4, of Lisbon; and Kaitlyn House, 12, of Salem. They are being helped by volunteers from left, Kristen Peluzo, Alexa Stemple and Ashley Pluchinsky.



Above photo, Knickerbocker siblings, from left, Audrey, 5; Abby, 3; and Dylan, 3 months; of Salem peek through a window at one of the activity sites.

Left photo, siblings, from left, Joshlynn, 7, and Paige, 4, Irey of Salem work on a gingerbread house.
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What Senate lame-duck maneuver says about Ohio GOP

COLUMBUS, (AP) — Not a month after Democratic President Barack Obama won Ohio, one of the state’s most powerful Republican moderates unceremoniously spiked a trio of GOP-backed bills remaining this legislative session.

GOP Senate President Tom Niehaus, who is term-limited, axed proposals that would have limited abortion, hindered Planned Parenthood funding and tightened voter ID rules.

The move raised the question: Have Obama’s two Ohio victories suddenly empowered centrists within the state’s increasingly conservative GOP, or did the state just witness the final Hail Mary of a GOP moderate before his party lurches to the right?

John Green, who heads the University of Akron’s Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, believes Niehaus’ move suggests the GOP got a wake-up call from voters.

“Election results often do influ-

ence these kinds of decisions,” Green said. “The fact that Republicans stayed in power in Ohio, but President Obama was re-elected in a close election where some of these contentious issues may have played an important role, can’t have been lost on them.”

Among proposals Niehaus blocked was the so-called “heart-beat bill,” which would impose the nation’s most stringent abortion restriction, banning the procedure after the first detectable fetal heart-beat.

Another measure he blocked would have moved Planned Parenthood to the back of the line for public funding. Opponents of the bill — many of them women dressed in pink T-shirts — lined the halls of the Statehouse ahead of House passage shouting protests.

David Jackson, an associate professor of political science at Bowling Green State University, said Niehaus and others within his

party may have blamed such proposals for Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney’s loss of the women’s vote.

“If the numbers are to be believed, 56,000 more people (in Ohio) voted for Democrats than voted for Republicans,” Jackson said. “Because of gerrymandering, Democrats don’t get that many seats, but smart politicians look at those kinds of numbers. It’s definitely not an extreme conservative state in any comprehensive sense, and it’s wise to recognize that.”

Tom Sutton, who teaches political science at Baldwin Wallace University, said term limits and a lame-duck session may have insulated Niehaus from the conservative backlash that may result from his decisions, allowing him to stick to his guns on his personal policy concerns about the bills.

Already, the group pushing the heartbeat measure has threatened to go against lawmakers in upcoming

elections who fail to support their bill.

A week after the election, Niehaus was asked what message on women’s issues he took away as a Republican from the presidential election.

“There are a lot of pundits talking about what the election meant. What I try to stay focused on is what’s important to Ohio right now, and that’s jobs,” he said. “I mean, what are we doing to help make Ohio the right place for people to start companies, employ people, and how do they go about getting jobs? That’s where I want to keep the focus in the Senate.”

Even as Niehaus blocked the conservative bills, Senate Republicans were electing state Sen. Keith Faber, one of their more conservative members, as Niehaus’ successor.

With Faber leading the upper chamber, and conservative House Speaker William Batchelder lead-

ing the lower chamber, Sutton said Ohioans may be witnessing the last of a breed.

“I think the concept of a moderate Republican in Ohio is rapidly disappearing,” he said.

Sutton said the state’s Republicans are predominantly coming from rural areas and tend to be more driven by social issues than moderates, who tend to align with the party platform on economic, regulatory and tax issues.

“You don’t get the Neanderthal label quite as quickly when you’re talking about oil and gas issues or taxes as when you’re talking about abortion and Planned Parenthood and those kinds of things,” he said.

Former U.S. Sen. and Ohio Gov. George Voinovich, one of Ohio’s most high-profile moderate Republicans, dubbed Batchelder the head of the Legislature’s “caveman caucus” in the 1990s for what Voinovich viewed as Batchelder’s outdated beliefs on social issues.

Akron Zoo breaks attendance record

AKRON (AP) — It has been a record-breaking year at the Akron Zoo.

The zoo says it broke its attendance record this year with about 330,000 people passing through the gates so far.

The Akron Beacon Journal says the debut of endangered snow leopard cubs and an octopus named Cora have helped drive up attendance.

The zoo’s previous high was set in 2008.

A zoo spokesman says they’ve been able to reach out to community groups in showcasing what the zoo has to offer.

Project aims for more time for split families

ATHENS (AP) — A statewide project in Ohio will try to increase the time a child spends with both parents, even if they are divorced or separated.

Fairfield County Job and Family Services is leading the four-year \$400,000 initiative and Ohio University’s College of Health Sciences and Professions will participate.

According to The Athens Messenger, the goal is to have both parents, although separated, work together on behalf of the child.

The other participating counties are Coshocton, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Monroe, Pickaway, Stark, Summit, Union and Wayne. The project is funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Randy Leite, dean of Ohio University’s College of Health Sciences and Professions, will oversee the evaluation of the project.

State and local child support agencies hope to come up with ways to establish parenting time duties.

“We want to see if parenting time orders have an impact on the level of compliance on the child support order,” said Corey Clark, director of the child support enforcement agency in Fairfield County.

Under the current system, if a parent doesn’t pay child support, legal action can be taken, according to Leite, but if a resident parent doesn’t let the other parent see a child, “not much can be done.”

By arranging for both child support and parenting time simultaneously, Leite thinks families will maximize shared parenting time. He also expects child support payments will be more consistent.

The plan is to have a pilot program running in Fairfield County by the end of next year, adding the other counties thereafter.

“The idea is for us to go to the courts or Job and Family Services agents and say, ‘Here’s a strategy that works for helping kids.’ That’s the hope anyway,” Leite added.

ACROSS OHIO

Cedar Point tops off hill on new coaster

SANDUSKY (AP) — Cedar Point says it has topped off its new roller coaster that will debut next spring at the northern Ohio amusement park.

Construction is moving ahead on the “winged” roller-coaster called GateKeeper that’s designed to make riders feel like they’re flying.

The park says it topped off the main 170-foot hill just after Thanksgiving.

The blue-steeled tubular coaster will have riders on seats that extend sideways from the track, with nothing above or below them.

The coaster will be built at the main entrance and will pass over arriving guests as it inverts riders and sends them upside-down.

GateKeeper is part of a roughly \$30 million project overhauling the park’s entrance.

\$4.3M in emergency food is on the way

COLUMBUS (AP) — More than \$4.3 million in federal emergency food and shelter assistance is headed to Ohio counties.

The total was recently announced by the State Set-Aside Committee, a panel of charitable organizations and state social services agencies. Awards were down 47 percent in 2011, and down another 3 percent this year.

Committee chairwoman Barbara Sykes called it unfortunate that the amount has fallen as the need for emergency food and shelter is on the increase.

Fifty counties are set to receive direct awards totaling nearly \$3.8 million, with another \$530,000 being split among 65 counties.

The amount represents about 82 cents for each Ohioan living under the poverty line, unemployed, receiving food-stamp assistance or qualifying as “food insecure.”

Canton looks at installing traffic cameras

CANTON (AP) — Another Ohio city is looking at installing traffic cameras to catch speeders and drivers running red lights.

The Canton City Council will be asked to again consider a traffic camera plan it has rejected twice before.

The city would not have to pay for the equipment or service. Each violation would cost \$120.

The city would receive 66 percent of the money and the contractor Redflex would get the rest.

Councilman Thomas West has sponsored the latest pro-

posal and tells The (Canton) Repository that 80 percent of the camera revenue could be directed to the police department. The remaining 20 percent could fund neighborhood programs.

ATVs upsetting animals at wildlife park

PORT CLINTON (AP) — A northern Ohio wildlife park says it has been having trouble with all-terrain vehicles scaring its giraffes, camels, zebras and llamas.

Operators of the African Safari Wildlife Park near Port Clinton say the ATV riders have been cutting through the alfalfa fields where food is raised for the collection of exotic animals

A spokeswoman for wildlife park says the noisy machines are upsetting the animals.

The News Herald of Port Clinton reports that police officers have talked with those who have been on the property and they don’t think anyone was trying to bother the animals.

The park is now closed for the winter.

Online registry to cut scrap metal thefts

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio has created an online registry to try to cut down on scrap metal thefts.

The online registry of scrap metal and bulk merchandise dealers is part of Ohio’s Homeland Security Website.

It’s designed to crack down on scrap theft and protect infrastructure, like railroads whose spikes and rails are a target of thieves.

As part of the effort, the Ohio Department of Public Safety offers training for law enforcement officers and scrap metal industry representatives.

The training includes tips on how to determine if someone is trying to sell stolen scrap metal.

Casino revenue continuing to level off

COLUMBUS (AP) — Revenue from Ohio’s casinos is continuing to level off after six months.

Numbers released by the Ohio Casino Control Commission on Friday show that money from the casinos in Cleveland and Toledo are down again.

The Horseshoe Casino in Cleveland saw its take fall slightly in November to \$20.4 million while the Hollywood Casino in Toledo was down 8 percent last month to \$13.6 million.

The numbers at both sites have dropped every month since their openings last spring.

The Hollywood Casino in Columbus brought in \$20 million in its first full month of operation in November.

Crist considers run as a Dem; GOP says bring it on

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Now that former Republican Gov. Charlie Crist is a Democrat, pretty much everyone in Florida’s political world expects him to seek his old seat.

“I will consider it, and I will think about it,” Crist said by phone while boating off of Miami and before a planned dinner with former Democratic governor and Sen. Bob Graham.

Crist revealed his long-anticipated conversion Friday that after more than two years as an independent. He made the announcement on Twitter and included a photo of his new voter registration form that he filled out at the White House.

Earlier Saturday, Republicans gathered for a meeting and said they will be extra motivated to re-elect Gov. Rick Scott if his opponent is Crist, who left the GOP during his 2010 run for Senate.

“Bring it on,” Peter Feaman, the party’s national committeeman, told a room of Republican activists. “That man sat at my house, in my kitchen, at my breakfast table and told me he was a Ronald Reagan Republican. OK, I’m putting my boots on, because guess what? You lied to me.”

Should Crist run, he could become the first person to serve as Florida governor as a Republican and a Democrat. Crist only served one term before choosing to run for Senate instead of re-election. Republicans, anticipating the switch, have been attacking him for months, running a television ad and scores of press releases pointing out his previous conservative positions as Crist campaigned with President Barack Obama and other Democrats.

“I really feel at home. A lot of it was inspired by what Democrats have stood for, and honestly, friends have told me most of my political life, ‘Charlie, you’re really a Democrat and you just don’t know it,’” Crist said.

Crist was a moderate governor and met often with Democratic leaders. At dinners in the governor’s mansion, he would include both Republicans and Democrats at his head table. He endeared himself to the teachers union by vetoing a Republican priority bill that would have stripped teachers of tenure and based merit raises on test scores. He also won over many black leaders by championing civil rights issues, prompting one black lawmaker to describe him as the first black governor. Since leaving the GOP, Crist, who called himself “the people’s governor” while in office, has criticized the party for going too far to the right. “The leadership of the party lately has gone off the cliff, I wasn’t comfortable enough,” Crist said. “What I love most about our state is our people ... I just have a feeling in my heart right now is that leadership doesn’t appreciate that fact.”

Crist, 56, had a successful career until falling behind Marco Rubio in the 2010 GOP Senate primary. He was a popular governor and considered one of the best campaigners in the state, using his charisma and feel-good messages to win over voters.

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Anger at Australian radio station over royal hoax

LONDON (AP) — It started out as a joke, but ended in tragedy. The sudden death of a nurse who unwittingly accepted a prank call to a London hospital about Prince William’s pregnant wife Kate has shocked Britain and Australia, and sparked an angry backlash Saturday from some who argue the DJs who carried out the hoax should be held responsible. At first, the call by two irreverent Australian DJs posing as royals was picked up by news outlets around the world as an amusing anecdote about the royal pregnancy. Some complained about the invasion of privacy, the hospital was embarrassed, and the radio presenters sheepishly apologized. But the prank took a dark twist Friday with the death of nurse Jacintha Saldanha, a 46-year-old mother of two, three days after she took the hoax call. Police have not yet determined Saldanha’s cause of death, but people from London to Sydney have been making the assumption that she died because

stress from the call. King Edward VII’s Hospital, where the former Kate Middleton was being treated for acute morning sickness this week, wrote a strongly-worded letter to the 2DayFM radio station’s parent company Southern Cross Austereo, condemning the “truly appalling” hoax and urging it to take steps to ensure such an incident would never happen again. “The immediate consequence of these premeditated and ill-considered actions was the humiliation of two dedicated and caring nurses who were simply doing their job tending to their patients,” the letter read. “The longer term consequence has been reported around the world and is, frankly, tragic beyond words.” The hospital did not comment when asked whether it believed the prank call had directly caused Saldanha’s death, only saying that the protest letter spoke for itself. DJs Mel Grieg and Michael Christian, who apologized for the

prank on Tuesday, took down their Twitter accounts after they were bombarded by thousands of abusive comments. Rhys Holleran, CEO of Southern Cross Austereo, said the pair have been offered counseling and were taken off the air indefinitely. No one could have foreseen the tragic consequences of the prank, he stressed. “I spoke to both presenters early this morning and it’s fair to say they’re completely shattered,” Holleran told reporters on Saturday. “These people aren’t machines, they’re human beings,” he said. “We’re all affected by this.” Details about Saldanha have been trickling out since the duty nurse’s body was found at apartments provided by the private hospital, which has treated a line of royals before, including Prince Philip, who was hospitalized there for a bladder infection in June. The nurse, who was originally from India, had lived with her

partner Benedict Barboza and a teenage son and daughter in Bristol, in southwestern England, for the past nine years. The hospital praised her as a “first-class nurse” who was well-respected and popular among colleagues during her four years working there. Just before dawn on Tuesday, Saldanha was looking after her patients when the phone rang. A woman pretending to be Queen Elizabeth II asked to speak to the duchess, and, believing the caller, Saldanha transferred the call to a fellow nurse caring for the duchess, who spoke to the two DJs about Kate’s condition live on air. During the call — which was put online and later broadcast on news channels worldwide — Grieg mimicked the Britain’s monarch’s voice and asked about the duchess’ health. She was told Kate “hasn’t had any retching with me and she’s been sleeping on and off.” Grieg and Christian, who pretended to be Prince Charles, also discussed with the nurse when they could travel to

the hospital to check in on Kate. Three days later, officers responding to reports that a woman was found unconscious discovered Saldanha, who was pronounced dead at the scene. Police didn’t release a cause of death, but said they didn’t find anything suspicious. A coroner will make a determination on the cause. In the aftermath of Saldanha’s death, some speculated about whether the nurse was subject to pressure to resign or about to be punished for the mistake. Royal officials said Prince William and Kate were “deeply saddened,” but insisted that the palace had not complained about the hoax. King Edward VII’s Hospital also maintained that it did not reprimand Saldanha. “We did not discipline the nurse in question. There were no plans to discipline her,” a hospital spokesman said. He declined to provide further details, and did not respond to questions about the second nurse’s condition.

FBI says Alaska man killed people for fun

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Confessed serial killer Israel Keyes admitted he enjoyed killing people, but couldn’t or wouldn’t give investigators a more meaningful answer when quizzed why he did it. “There were just times, a couple of times, where we would try to get a why,” said Anchorage Police officer Jeff Bell, who helped interrogate Keyes for hours. “He would have this term, he would say, ‘A lot of people ask why, and I would be, like, why not?’” Bell said. Keyes confessed to killing eight people across the United States, but alluded to additional murders, FBI Special Agent Jolene Goeden and Bell told The Associated Press. “Based on some of the things he told us, and some of the conversations we had with him, we believe the number is less than 12,” Goeden said. “We don’t know for sure. He’s the only one who could have ultimately answered that.” They may never know the true number. Keyes slit his wrist and strangled himself with bedding last Sunday at the Anchorage Correctional Facility. He was facing a March trial on federal murder charges in the kidnapping and death of an 18-year-old Samantha Koenig, who was abducted from an Anchorage coffee stand Feb. 1. He also wasn’t going to stop. Authorities said he have weapons caches or body disposal kits stashed across the country. One such disposal kit was found north of Anchorage. It included a shovel, plastic bags and bottles of Drano, which he told authorities would speed the decomposition of bodies. A murder kit found in upstate New York had weapon parts, a silencer, ligatures, ammunition and garbage bags. Keyes said other murder kits are hidden in Washington state, Wyoming, Texas and, investigators believe, somewhere in the Southwest, possibly Arizona. Goeden and Bell conducted up to 40 hours of interviews with Keyes after his March arrest in Texas. During that time, Keyes confessed to killing Koenig, along with Bill and Lorraine Currier in Vermont, and five other people — although details for those victims were scarce. The interviews also revealed Keyes’ motivation, which was simple, Goeden and Bell said. “He enjoyed it. He liked what he was doing,” Goeden said. “He talked about getting a rush out of it, the adrenalin, the excitement out of it.” Keyes also liked seeing coverage of his crimes in the media, and he appeared to get a thrill out of talking about some of them with investigators, Goeden and Bell said. His crimes started small with burglaries and thefts — until the urge escalated to murder. Bell said Keyes told investigators the first violent crime he committed was a sexual assault in Oregon, in which he let the victim go. “He planned on killing her but didn’t,” Bell said. Keyes said the rape occurred sometime between 1996 and 1998 along the Deshutes River near Maupin, Ore., after he got the girl away from her friends. The girl was between the ages of 14 and 18, and would be in her late 20s or 30s now. No police reports were filed, and the FBI is seeking more information on the crime. Of the five other murders Keyes confessed to, four were in Washington state and one occurred on the East Coast, with the body disposed of in New York. In the case of the Curriers, authorities say Keyes flew from Alaska to Chicago on June 2, 2011, rented a car and drove almost 1,000 miles to Essex, Vt. There, he carried out a “blitz” style attack on the Curriers’ home, bound the couple and took them to an abandoned house. Bill Currier was shot, and his wife was sexually assaulted and strangled. Keyes immediately returned to Alaska, and followed the case on his computer by monitoring Vermont media. The couple’s bodies were never found after the house was demolished and taken to a landfill. Leaving the area shortly after a murder was a familiar tactic for Keyes. After he abducted Koenig, he took her to a shed at his Anchorage home, sexually assaulted her and strangled her. Keyes then left the next day for a two-week cruise, storing Koenig’s body in the shed. Upon his return, he dismembered the body and disposed of it in a lake north of Anchorage. He was later arrested in Texas after using Koenig’s debit card. Koenig was his only known victim in Alaska. Goeden and Bell said he never explained why he broke his own rule of never killing anyone in the town where he lived because it’s easier to be connected to such a killing. The only mistake Keyes said he made was letting his rental car be photographed by an ATM when withdrawing money in Texas. Unlike his earlier killings, the deaths of the Curriers and Koenig received a lot of news coverage. “He was feeding off the media attention in the end,” Bell said. That wasn’t the only change. His time between murders was growing shorter. “He talked about that time period in between crimes, that over the last few years, that became quicker,” Goeden said. During their interviews, Keyes was willing to talk about the Koenig and Currier killings since he knew authorities had evidence against him. “It was chilling to listen to him. He was clearly reliving it to a degree, and I think he enjoyed talking about it,” Bell said of the Koenig and Currier deaths. But in the other cases, Keyes wasn’t as forthcoming because he knew investigators had little on them. Keyes, a construction contractor, told investigators that they knew him better than anyone, and that this was the first time he’d ever spoken about what he called his double life. “A couple of times, he would kind of chuckle, tell us how weird it was to be talking about this,” Bell said.



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Cleveland Browns wide receiver Mohamed Massaquoi catches a pass during warm-ups before a game against the Oakland Raiders in Oakland, Calif., Sunday. (AP Photo)

Browns welcome reeling Chiefs

Kansas City ends difficult week on road

CLEVELAND (AP) — Their emotions remain raw following a week when their schedule included a memorial service. The Kansas City

Chiefs are recovering from an unspeakable tragedy that has altered an already difficult season, changed lives and provoked some questions that may never be answered.

As difficult as it may be, they must play again — this time on the road.

Still searching for normalcy one week after linebacker Jovan Belcher killed his girlfriend, Kasandra Perkins, and then drove to the team's practice facility and committed suicide, the Chiefs will return to the field Sunday. They visit the Cleveland Browns, a team also touched by heartbreak after a member of its grounds-keeping staff took his life.

For Chiefs coach Romeo Crennel, who had pleaded with Belcher to put down his gun, the pain and sorrow linger. Crennel, though, understands he must lead his grieving team.

"You can't go away from it. I'll never be able to go away from it," he said. "But in the business that we're in, we have to try to move on and we have to try to focus on our job. And that's the way life is."

Last week, the Chiefs (2-10) somehow managed to pull together and beat Carolina 27-21 and end an eight-game losing streak just hours after Belcher's death. It was an inspiring effort, commanded by Crennel, the well-respected former Browns coach who drew upon his upbringing as the son of a career military man and patient mother to get him through the trying ordeal.

Since the win, the Chiefs have tried to get back to their routines, but it's been very difficult. On Wednesday, their practice schedule was adjusted so they could attend a service for the 25-year-old Belcher.

Crennel knows the past

See BROWNS, 5B

Steelers ready for fast finish

Message from Tomlin hasn't changed

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The message from Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin or his staff doesn't change

when the calendar flips to December.

The way it's received by Tomlin's players? That's another matter.

"I think it might resonate a little bit more when you know what the picture is and the goal is," tackle Max Starks said. "Game one obvi-

ously you don't think 'How are we going to do in our division? Where are we seeded right now?' You're 0-0. But by December you know where you're seeded. You know what's at stake."

And the stakes remain high even if the Steelers (7-5) spent the first three-quarters of the season simply trying to survive. Heading into Sunday's game against crumbling San Diego (4-8), Pittsburgh remains in the

See FINISH, 5B



Pittsburgh Steelers tight end Heath Miller scores a touchdown as Baltimore Ravens cornerback Corey Graham closes in during the second half in Baltimore, Sunday. (AP Photo)

► NCAA BASKETBALL — BUCKEYES CRUISE PAST LONG BEACH STATE

Overwhelming

OSU too much for overmatched 49ers

COLUMBUS (AP) — Thad Matta knows he has one scorer. Now he is trying to develop others.

Deshaun Thomas had 18 points, including a 3-pointer in an 11-point run in the first half, to lead No. 7 Ohio State past tired Long Beach State 89-55 on Saturday.

The Buckeyes need more than the one option — passing the ball to the always-ready-to-shoot Thomas — on offense.

"That's the way we have to be, to be honest with you," Matta said. "As you look across the board in college basketball and as you get into conference play, the Big Ten defensively is as good as there is in the country. Just having different guys out there that can knock shots down is something that is going to be advantageous."

In an easy romp past the 49ers (3-6), the Buckeyes (6-1) had other weapons.

LaQuinton Ross had 16 points in a reserve role, Lenzelle Smith Jr. added 14, and Sam Thompson had 13 as Ohio State built a 42-point lead before experimenting with different lineup combinations.

"First, we need Deshaun to score, but (it's good) having other guys out there who can put the ball in the basket," said Matta, in his 10th year at Ohio State. "The best teams that I've ever coached had multiple scorers. The '07 team is probably the best I've had here, and Greg (Oden) led us in scoring at 15 points a game and you

See BUCKEYES, 3B

Up and Under
Ohio State's Deshaun Thomas, center, puts up a shot between Long Beach State's Kris Guley, left, and Nick Shepherd during the first half of in Columbus, Saturday. (AP Photo)



► COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel of Texas A&M, poses with the Heisman Trophy on Saturday in New York. (AP Photo)

Johnny football wins Heisman

Becomes first freshman to receive award

NEW YORK (AP) — Johnny Football just got himself a way cooler nickname: Johnny Heisman.

Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel became the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy, taking college football's top individual prize Saturday night after a record-breaking debut.

Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o finished a distant second and Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein was third in the voting. In a

Heisman race with two non-traditional candidates, Manziel broke through the class barrier and kept Te'o from becoming the first purely defensive player to win the award.

Manziel drew 474 first-place votes and 2,029 points from the panel of media members and former winners.

"I have been dreaming about this since I was a kid,

See MANZIEL, 4B

► NBA



Cleveland Cavaliers' C.J. Miles, center, shoots over two Detroit Pistons defenders during the second quarter Saturday in Cleveland. (AP Photo)

Cavs drop fifth straight to Pistons

Brandon Knight nets 30 to lead Detroit

CLEVELAND (AP) — Brandon Knight scored a career-high 30 points and the Detroit Pistons defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers for the second

time in six days with a 104-97 win on Saturday night.

The Pistons, who won for just the second time in 12 road games this season, took control with a run that began late in the third quarter and carried into the fourth period.

Tayshaun Prince scored 14 points while Jason Maxiell added 11 for the Pistons, who defeated the Cavaliers 89-79 on Monday in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Jeremy Pargo scored 24 points for Cleveland, which has lost five straight, nine of 10 and 15 of 17.

Cavaliers center Anderson Varejao, who scored 16 points and had 13 rebounds, went to the locker room late in the second quarter with a bruised left elbow. X-rays were negative and he returned to begin the third quarter with the elbow wrapped.

Knight scored 23 points in the second half, including 13 in the fourth quarter.

Cleveland again played without leading scorers Kyrie Irving (broken left index finger) and Dion Wait-

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FOX — Regional coverage, doubleheader game	
8:20 p.m.	
NBC — Detroit at Green Bay	
RUGBY	
11 p.m.	
NBCSN — Sevens World Series, semifinals and championship match, teams TBD, at Port Elizabeth, South Africa	

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1984 — Eric Dickerson of the Los Angeles Rams rushes for 215 yards and two touchdowns against the Houston Oilers, breaking O.J. Simpson's NFL single-season rushing record of 2,003 yards.

1991 — Miami's Dan Marino passes for 281 yards and three touchdowns and reaches 20 TDs for an NFL-record ninth season as he leads the Dolphins to a 37-13 win over the Cincinnati Bengals.

1995 — Eddie George, who led the nation with 24 touchdowns and rushed for an Ohio State-record 1,826 yards, wins the Heisman Trophy by a wide margin over Nebraska's Tommie Frazier and Florida's Danny Wuerffel.

2000 — Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith rushes for a season-high 150 yards, putting him over 1,000 for a record-tying 10th straight season and joins Walter Payton and Barry Sanders as the only players in NFL history with 15,000 career yards.

2001 — Bode Miller becomes the first American since 1983 to win a World Cup giant slalom race. Miller, third after the opening leg, has an excellent second run to win in a combined time of 2 minutes, 36.02 seconds in Val D'Isere, France.

2006 — Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith is a runaway winner for the Heisman Trophy. He receives 801 first-place votes, the second most ever, and 1,662 points more than second-place finisher Darren McFadden of Arkansas. It's the second-most lopsided Heisman vote. Only O.J. Simpson's 1,750-point victory in 1968 is more one-sided.

2007 — Tom Brady throws four touchdown passes and the New England Patriots stay unbeaten with a 34-13 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Patriots are the fifth team with a 13-0 record, joining the 1934 Chicago Bears, 1972 Miami Dolphins, 1998 Denver Broncos and 2005 Indianapolis Colts.

2007 — Peyton Manning of Indianapolis becomes the fifth quarterback in NFL history to throw 300 touchdown passes, getting four and going 13-for-17 for 249 yards in a 44-20 win over Baltimore.

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Cowboy charged after player dies in auto accident

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Police charged Dallas Cowboys defensive lineman Josh Brent with intoxication manslaughter Saturday after he flipped his car in a pre-dawn accident that killed teammate Jerry Brown.

Irving police spokesman John Argumaniz said the accident happened about 2:20 a.m. Saturday in the Dallas suburb, hours before Brent was to be on a team flight to Cincinnati for the Cowboys' game Sunday against the Bengals.

Argumaniz said the 25-year-old Brown — a practice-squad linebacker who also was Brent's teammate for three seasons at the University of Illinois — was found unresponsive at the scene and pronounced dead at a hospital.

It marked the second straight week the NFL found itself dealing with a tragedy right before gameday.

Last Saturday, Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher fatally shot his girlfriend before killing himself in front of his coach and general manager. The 25-year-old Belcher shot himself in the parking lot at the team's practice complex at Arrowhead Stadium.

"We are deeply saddened by the news of this accident and the passing of Jerry Brown," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said in a statement. "At this time, our hearts and prayers and deepest sympathies are with the members of Jerry's family and all of those who knew him and loved him."

Officers conducted a field sobriety test on Brent and arrested him on suspicion of driving while intoxicated, Argumaniz said. The charge, a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison, was upgraded after Brown was pronounced dead.

Argumaniz said Brent, who pleaded guilty to a drunken driving charge three years ago at Illinois, was being held without bond. Brent is named as Joshua Price-Brent in the police news release. Argumaniz said Brent missed a 10 a.m. Saturday booking session with a judge because he was intoxicated. He did not know if Brent had an attorney.

Brent was speeding when the vehicle hit a curb and flipped at least once, Argumaniz said. Police received 911 calls from motorists who saw the upside-down vehicle but they did not immediately have any eyewitnesses to the wreck, the police spokesman said.

Argumaniz said when officers arrived at the scene on a state highway service road, Brent was dragging Brown from the vehicle, a Mercedes, which was on fire. Officers quickly put out the small blaze, he said.

Argumaniz said it wasn't known how fast the vehicle was traveling. The road has a 45 mph limit.

"I can say investigators are certain they were traveling well above the posted speed limit," Argumaniz said.

Before he was taken to the jail, Brent went to a hospital for a blood draw for alcohol testing and also received treatment for some minor scrapes.

Argumaniz said Brent identified himself to officers as a Cowboys player.

Cowboys players were aware of the accident Saturday morning, and coach Jason Garrett told the team about Brown's death on the plane about 1:15 p.m. after asking other personnel to step off the aircraft, team spokesman Rich Dalrymple said.



Josh Brent of the Dallas Cowboys is facing an intoxication manslaughter charge after a one-vehicle accident that killed teammate Jerry Brown, a member of the team's practice squad. Irving police spokesman John Argumaniz said the accident happened about 2:20 a.m. in Saturday. (AP Photo)

said.

The flight was "quiet, more than normal," Dalrymple said.

Former Illinois coach Ron Zook said Brent, a third-year player who made the first start of his career in the opener against the New York Giants, was trying to help Brown make it in the NFL. Brown joined the Cowboys in October after he was released by the Indianapolis Colts.

"It was Jerry's dream, and Josh was trying to help him any way he could," Zook said.

Zook said he spoke with Brent's agent, Peter Schaffer, who said he had made contact with Brent.

"He said Josh was distraught, and he didn't care about himself or what was happening to him," Zook said. "All he cared about was Jerry's family."

Brent was arrested in February 2009 near the Illinois campus for driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license and speeding, according to Champaign County, Ill., court records.

In June 2009, Brent pleaded guilty to DUI and was sentenced to 60 days in jail, two years of probation, 200 hours of community service and a fine of about \$2,000. As part of his plea deal, prosecutors dropped one count of aggravated DUI/no valid driver's license. Brent successfully completed his probation in July 2011, court records show.

Brent, a nose guard, has played in all 12 games this season and played a bigger role than expected with starter Jay Ratliff battling injuries. He has 35 tackles and 1 1/2 sacks and might have started Sunday against the Bengals because Ratliff is out with a groin injury.

The Cowboys signed Brown to their practice squad Oct. 24, but he hasn't been on the active roster. He was released from the Colts' practice squad Oct. 20. Brown played in one game for the Colts, a loss to the New York Jets on Oct. 14.

"On behalf of the entire Colts family, our sincerest condolences go out to Jerry's family and friends," Colts general manager Ryan Grigson said in a statement. "He was a good teammate that was well liked by all. Today's tragic news is just another reminder of how fragile life is and how everyday given is a gift."

Brent and Brown played at Illinois from 2007 to 2009.

Canton South knocks off Lady Quakers

CANTON — Points were at a premium on Saturday afternoon in Canton as the Salem Lady Quakers fell on the road to Canton South 38-25. The Lady Quakers managed to record double digits in a quarter just once and were held to just two points in the opening stanza. Salem also committed 23 turnovers.

Trailing 14-9 at the half, the Lady Quakers managed to make it a three point game as they outscored the Lady Wildcats 12-10. However, Canton South pulled away with 14 fourth quarter points to seal a win.

Catherine Stiff and Tori Jones each netted seven points to lead Salem. Cierra Trybend added five points and 12 rebounds. Lindsey Foster recorded two points and five rebounds.

"We were sloppy and we had too many turnovers," Salem coach Renee Farina said. "When we did get stops, we couldn't convert offensively. This is a tough place to place and it's even harder when you make those mistakes."

The jayvee team also lost, and fell to 3-2 on the season.

Salem is back in action when they travel to Struthers on Tuesday.

"They're a very good team," Farina said. "We

have a really tough stretch coming up for us right now with Struthers, Louisville and West Branch."

SALEM: 2 7 12 4 — 25
CANTON SOUTH: 10 4 10 14 — 38
SALEM SCORING: Rylee Meals 0-0-0, Reagan Meals 0-0-0, Julia Dundon 0-0-0, Tori Jones 3-1-7, Megan Lehwold 0-0-0 Catherine stiff 3-0-7, Olivia Stiff 2-0-4, Lindsey Foster 0-2-2, Cierra Trybend 2-1-5.
TEAM TOTALS: 10, 4-7, 25.
CANTON SOUTH SCORING: Canton South: Jeter 3-2-8, Uminski 2-3-47, Harris 4-1-10, Thompson 1-1-3, Trissell 0-1-1, Martin 2-5-9.
TEAM TOTALS: 11 13-22 38
THREE POINTERS: SALEM 1 (Stiff), Canton South 1 (Harris).

Louisville 50, West Branch 38
LOUISVILLE — West Branch fell to Louisville 50-38 on Saturday afternoon in Louisville.

Pavin Heath led the Lady Warriors with 11 points followed by Brittany Bryte with nine and Melinda Trimmer with eight.

WEST BRANCH: 11 9 14 14 — 38
LOUISVILLE: 14 14 7 15 — 50
WEST BRANCH SCORING: Brittany Bryte 3-1-9, Melinda Trimmer 3-1-8, Pavin Heath 3-2-11, Amanda Linhart 1-0-2, Taryn Hahn 2-0-4, Erica Johnson 2-0-4.
TEAM TOTALS: 14, 4-10, 38.
LOUISVILLE SCORING: Chandler Rice 2-2-6, Jordan Monnot 7-3-18, Clara Lemmon 3-0-8, Hannah Lemon 6-2-12, Holly Ann Mullet 1-1-3, Emily Nees 1-1-3.
TEAM TOTALS: 20, 9-16, 50.
THREE POINTERS: West Branch 6 (Heath 3, Bryte 2, Trimmer), Louisville 5 (C.Lemmon 2, H.Lemmon 2, Monnot).

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ers (sprained left ankle).

Coach Byron Scott said there's a chance one or both could return for Tuesday's game against the Los Angeles Lakers, but neither player has been cleared by doctors.

Trailing 62-54 late in the third quarter, Detroit grabbed the momentum and took a 71-68 lead on Knight's 3-pointer. Knight scored 10 points in the period and the Pistons took a 76-70 lead into the fourth quarter.

Charlie Villanueva hit a pair of 3-pointers to help the Pistons take a 14-point lead early in the fourth. The Cavaliers cut the lead to 99-95 on Varejao's free throw with 40.1 seconds left, but Rodney Stuckey's basket with 18.3 seconds left gave the Pistons a six-point lead.

Cleveland used a 24-7 run in the second quarter to take a 46-36 lead, but Detroit rallied and trailed 52-49 at halftime. The Pistons went ahead 54-52, but the Cavaliers scored 10 straight points for a 62-54 lead.

Stuckey and Maxiell each scored 10 points for Detroit, which committed only nine turnovers.

C.J. Miles scored 15 points while Tyler Zeller added 13 for Cleveland. Varejao's streak of consecutive double-doubles ended at 10 Friday against Minnesota when he had four points and 14 rebounds.

NOTES: The Pistons play at Philadelphia on Monday, the site of their only road win prior to Saturday.

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Navy tops Army 17-13, 11th straight win in series

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Navy’s decade of dominance over Army was 14 yards away from sinking.

Then the Black Knights botched a handoff with an overdue victory in sight and the Midshipmen pounced on the fumbled ball.

Tight games or blowouts, Navy has made a habit of beating Army. Keenan Reynolds helped Navy top Army for the 11th straight time, scoring the winning touchdown late in the fourth quarter in a 17-13 victory in the 113th rivalry game Saturday.

The Midshipmen can hook an anchor to the Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy and bring it to Annapolis.

“It means everything,” Navy coach Ken Niumat-alolo said. “That’s our No. 1 goal, to get the Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy. I’m just so happy for these guys.”

Navy (8-4) and won the CIC trophy awarded to the team with the best record in games among the three service academies. Army and Navy each beat Air Force, putting the prestigious trophy up for grabs in the regular-season finale for the first time since 2005.

Army (2-10) hasn’t hoisted the CIC trophy since 1996.

Unlike previous games over the last decade, the Black Knights were in this one until their final 70-yard drive. Army had driven to the 14 when QB Trent Steelman and fullback Larry Dixon fumbled on a sloppy exchange. Navy recovered and the Midshipmen on the sideline went wild and rushed the field.

“We expected to win from the beginning to the end,” Army coach Rich Ellerson said.

In front of 69,607 fans and Vice President Joe Biden at Lincoln Financial Field, Navy caught a break when Army missed a late field goal attempt.

Reynolds quickly found Brandon Turner down the sideline for a 49-yard gain. Reynolds, named the game’s MVP, then escaped a rush



Navy's Shawn Lynch, right, pulls in a pass as Army's Josh Jackson chases during the first half Saturday in Philadelphia. (AP Photo)

and followed with the 8-yard touchdown run with 4:41 left in the game.

The CIC trophy was coming back to the Naval Academy for a record 13th time after a two-year stint at Air Force. Before Navy started its 11-game winning streak, the longest one in the series, started in 1890, was only five games for either team.

The Midshipmen gathered at midfield and posed with the trophy while their classmates in the stands celebrated the win.

This one was the toughest victory yet during the streak. “It’s about not letting your brothers down,” Turner said. “This is the best I’ve ever felt after winning a football game.”

Late in the third, Army’s James Kelly stripped the ball and linebacker Alex Meier recovered to give the Black Knights the ball at Navy’s 37. Eric Osteen kicked a 21-yard field goal 10 plays later for a 13-10 lead.

Osteen, however, was wide left on a 37-yard attempt with 6:57 left in the game.

Navy made them pay on Reynolds’ score. The Midshipmen now lead the series 57-49-7.

“It’s hard to do,” Niumat-alolo said. “It’s hard to beat anybody in a rivalry game, but to do it that long just speaks volumes about the guys in the white jerseys.”

Navy not only won 10

straight, but pretty much dominated the Black Knights, winning games in 2007 and 2008 by a combined 74-3 score.

Navy’s 27-21 win last season was the tightest margin since the winning streak started. Last year was just a start at nudging closer toward ending the winning streak.

After a scoreless first quarter, Army and Navy swapped rushing TDs in the second. Navy fullback Noah Copeland plowed straight up the middle for a 12-yard score. Steelman matched him with an 11-yarder for his program-tying 17th TD run of the season, then saluted the cadets after the score.

Carlton Jones had 17 rushing touchdowns in 2004.

Nick Sloan put Navy up 10-7 with a 31-yard field goal.

Then came the ugly — yet, so sweet — kick for Army that send the game into half-time tied at 10. Navy twice tried to freeze Osteen with consecutive timeouts. They didn’t work. There was a high snap, a line drive kick, a glance off the upright and — good! Osteen’s 41-yarder as time expired had the cadets rocking the Linc.

The fun wouldn’t last and it was just the latest loss for the Black Knights.

“I feel like we deserved that game in every way possible but it just didn’t hap-

pen,” Steelman said. “We were wearing them down and there was nothing that was going to stop us. But that’s life.”

There’s more football left for Navy after Saturday’s tradition-filled spectacle. The Midshipmen play Arizona State in the Fight Hunger Bowl on Dec. 29 in San Francisco.

With cadets and midshipmen standing, bouncing and cheering on a gloomy day, it was clear how much the centuries-old rivalry means to both sides.

Biden handed off coin flipping duties to a referee before the game and made the traditional switch from the Navy side to the Army side at halftime. Team highlights were played to “Gonna Fly Now.” Billed as “America’s Game,” the hours before kickoff were highlighted by the Army Corps of Cadets and the Brigade of Midshipmen march onto the field. The cadet glee club performed the national anthem.

Cadets even brought one of those oversized goofy cutouts of Biden’s head to show off during the game.

There were reminders all around the Linc, full and with a festive vibe for a rare time this football season, that this was no ordinary game. Forget the kiss cam during timeouts. Purple Hearts and Distinguished Service Cross awards were presented.

Low clouds wiped out the parachute jumps.

The Midshipmen played with “Rafi” stickers on the back of their helmets as a salute to injured third-string quarterback Ralph Montalvo. Montalvo remained in a medically-induced coma after he was critically injured in a car accident near his home last on Thanksgiving night.

Montalvo was scheduled to travel to Philadelphia and dress for the Army-Navy game before the accident.

The Naval Academy had shipped his game jersey to his parents and it will be waiting for him.

Patriots hoping for return of two key players

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — With six straight victories and their fourth consecutive AFC East title already wrapped up, the New England Patriots are playing perhaps their best football of the season.

And a large chunk of their recent run has come without two of their top players.

So, imagine the big boost the Patriots will receive from having one of their best players on each side of the ball return for what is being billed as the game of the year.

After practicing in a limited capacity all week, starting left guard Logan Mankins and standout rookie right defensive end Chandler Jones are both listed as questionable for Monday night’s much-hyped matchup against the first-place Houston Texans (11-1), a game with major playoff ramifications for both teams.

“Just got out there a little bit this week and tried to move around. We’ll see where it goes from today,” said Mankins, who injured his ankle in the second half

of New England’s victory over Buffalo on Nov. 11 and has missed the last three games. “We were just trying to do as much as we can. I can’t do everything yet, so I guess we might find out Monday.”

Jones, the 21st overall selection in the draft and considered by many to still be a top candidate for Defensive Rookie of the Year honors with six sacks, skipped the last two games with an ankle injury suffered during the first quarter of the Patriots (9-3) win over Indianapolis on Nov. 18.

His status, he said, rests in the hands of coach Bill Belichick.

“Ready to play against the Texans,” Jones said. “We went out there and we won a championship and I wasn’t out there. But I’m still thankful to be a part of this team.”

Mankins, a four-time Pro Bowl player, has missed five games this season with various ailments, the second-most of his eight-year career.

“It’s been a couple games here and then miss a couple

and then a couple here, miss a few. It’s just one of those years I can’t get on track yet,” he said. “Every game you want to be out there, you just got to wait until you’re ready to get out there.”

The pair couldn’t have picked a more perfect time to return, either.

Despite playing a pivotal part in the Patriots’ top-ranked offense and valiantly protecting quarterback Tom Brady amid constant change due to injuries, the Patriots offensive line certainly will be bolstered with Mankins out there as they prepare to face their stiffest test of the season.

Houston defensive end J.J. Watt is wreaking havoc on just about every opposing offense he’s faced thus far. The second-year standout ranks second in the league with 16 1/2 sacks and has knocked down 15 passes this year.

Watt’s sensational season also has overshadowed the strong play of defensive end Antonio Smith, who has five sacks of his own, along with Watt forming one of the

most feared pass rushes in the league.

“He’s a guy that’s getting overlooked down there,” Mankins said. “J.J. Watt’s getting a lot of attention deservedly, but Antonio Smith’s a very good player. He’s a slippery guy inside that has good quickness, good power and he really understands how to work blockers, so he does a good job.

“They get ahead and teams have to start throwing it to catch back up, so that plays right into their strength. They’re a great pass-rushing team.”

Houston boasts a strong offense, too. In fact, quarterback Matt Schaub, running back Arian Foster and wide receiver Andre Johnson have combined to lead the league’s second-highest scoring attack — behind only New England — making Jones’ return all the more important.

“They have a great offensive line, they have great wide receivers and they’re quarterback’s good,” Jones said.

nine fouls in their 40 minutes.

“Guys have shown that they can play in great spurts, but they have to play at that level all along,” Matta said. “That’s where this team can take a jump in the right direction in locking that position down.”

Long Beach State’s strength of schedule was ranked 38th in the nation before the games at Syracuse and Ohio State. The 49ers have also played No. 11 North Carolina and No. 10 Arizona, unranked Southern California, and will visit UCLA later this month.

“Of those teams (we’ve played), I think Ohio State is the best defensive team,” Monson said. “When you get in those big games like that, the defense usually overrides the offense. And I really like Ohio State is balanced, and yet they have a go-to guy. Thomas can go get a basket anytime he wants and then they have other guys.”

AROUND THE HORN



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Monday Lisbon Girls Basketball Game Time Change

LISBON — Due to injuries, the Lisbon/Mineral Ridge girls J.V. basketball game has been cancelled for this Monday, December 10th. The varsity girls game will start at 6:30 pm.

Mount Union beats Mary Hardin-Baylor 48-35

ALLIANCE, Ohio (AP) — Jake Simon scored a touchdown from 12 yards out with five seconds left to play as Mount Union rallied past Mary Hardin-Baylor 48-35 on Saturday — earning an eighth consecutive trip to the Division III championship game.

Mary Hardin-Baylor attempted to tie the game on the final play, but fumbled while trying numerous, desperation-lateral attempts. Mount Union’s Matt Fechko recovered the fumble and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown to create the final margin.

The Purple Raiders (14-0), who overcame five turnovers, will play St. Thomas (Minn.) in the championship on Friday in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl in Salem, Va. They are seeking an 11th national title, first since 2008. Mount Union lost to Wisconsin-Whitewater in each of the last three years.

Mary Hardin-Baylor falls to 13-1.

Kessler stops Magee in 3rd round

HERNING, Denmark (AP) — Denmark’s Mikkel Kessler won his fifth career world championship Saturday, stopping Brian Magee in the third round to take the Northern Irishman’s World Boxing Association super-middleweight title.

A right hook sent Magee down for a third and last time, after Kessler also floored the Northern Irishman twice in the second round.

“Magee came out quickly. But when he got the one in the stomach, I just hoped he wouldn’t be able to storm out again,” Kessler said about the first blow before a roaring and partisan crowd of more than 10,000 fans.

Kessler (46-2 with 35 knockouts) last held a world title in 2010, the WBC version.

In 2004, the Warrior Viking beat Manny Sica from Puerto Rico and grabbed the WBA title. Two years later, Kessler knocked out German Markus Beyer to get the WBC belt, and became WBA champ in 2008 with a victory over Dimitri Sarison of Germany. The Dane then took the WBA title with a victory over Britain’s Carl Froch.

Kessler returned to the ring last year after overcoming an eye injury that forced him to withdraw from the Super Six tournament in 2010. The eye injury stemmed from a Super Six bout against American fighter Andre Ward in 2009.

Magee (36-5) lost his second defense of the WBA belt he won in July last year. “I came here to fight but that first jab really hurt me a lot,” Magee said.

He had traveled to Denmark hoping to complete a hat trick of wins over Danish opponents after beating Rudy Markussen in February and Mads Larsen in 2010.

Fehr maintains NHL, players were close to deal

TORONTO (AP) — Union chief Donald Fehr is sticking to his story that a deal with the NHL to end the long lockout was close before talks suddenly broke off this week.

The NHL Players’ Association executive director repeated earlier remarks that an agreement appeared to be within reach Thursday night when the league rejected the union’s latest proposal and rescinded its own.

“My comments from a couple of days ago stand on their own. I think we were very close,” Fehr told reporters Saturday — the 84th day if the lockout — after addressing a Canadian Auto Workers council meeting.

Fehr’s comments run contrary to NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, who said angrily Thursday he didn’t think the owners and players were close to a deal and didn’t know why Fehr claimed otherwise.

Fehr said he hasn’t spoken directly with Bettman or deputy commissioner Bill Daly since talks crumbled, adding there has been some minor chatter between the sides, but that no future meetings have been scheduled.

“So far they have not indicated a willingness to continue discussions,” Fehr said.

Daly told The Associated Press in an email Friday night that he didn’t have any thoughts how to restart the process.

“I have no reason, nor any intention, of reaching out to the union right now,” he wrote. “I have no new ideas. Maybe they do. We are happy to listen.”

Fehr declined Saturday to comment directly on remarks by Bettman that questioned Fehr’s motives for saying a deal was close, saying only he was disappointed with how things turned out. Fehr even urged those listening to his speech to deliver any suggestions on how to make a deal to him.

“I’m always disappointed when you’re involved in a process and people want to call a halt to it,” Fehr said.

Pittsburgh rolls over North Florida 89-47

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Tray Woodall scored 14 points and tied a season-high with nine assists, and Pittsburgh pulled away in the second half of an 89-47 win over North Florida on Saturday night.

Dante Taylor led Pitt with 16 points and Talib Zanna added 15 as the Panthers (9-1) wore the Ospreys down with their size. Lamar Patterson scored 13 points and Cameron Wright had 10 points off the bench as Pitt won its fifth straight.

The Ospreys, giving away height at every position, settled for jumpers, one of the reasons they never made it to the free-throw line all night.

The Panthers shot a season-high 59 percent (33 of 58) from the field and dominated the final 25 minutes after getting serious on defense.

Travis Wallace and David Jeune scored 10 points each for North Florida (3-6), but the Ospreys didn’t have enough firepower. North Florida scored just 20 points over the game’s final 25 minutes after briefly tying it at 27 in the first half.

The game was a homecoming for North Florida coach Matthew Driscoll, a Pittsburgh native. Maybe it was why the Ospreys looked so comfortable in the Petersen Events Center during a back-and-forth first half in which they had an answer every time Pitt made a move.

The Panthers led by 11 points early, but North Florida responded behind a flurry of 3-pointers to tie it at 27. The Ospreys struggled whenever Pitt was able to get its defense set, so they looked for quick shots to catch the Panthers flat-footed.

Maybe Pitt was distracted by the presence of football coach Paul Chryst, who took in the game from behind one of the baskets along with a handful of recruits. Chryst received a standing ovation when he was introduced to the crowd, a salute that was likely more out of loyalty than the team’s 6-6 record.

There was speculation earlier in the week that Wisconsin might try to lure Chryst back to his hometown to take over for departed coach Bret Bielema. Instead, Chryst is sticking at Pitt, a rare respite for a football program that’s seen more than its fair share of coaching turmoil the past two years.

There are no such problems on the basketball side of things, though coach Jamie Dixon had several of his players on the move in the first half trying to find a combination that was interested in guarding the Ospreys. He found one in the final minutes, and Pitt closed the half on a 14-3 burst led by Woodall and defensive specialist Cam Wright to give the Panthers a little breathing room.

It would grow quickly in the second half. Freshman center Steven Adams got the Panthers going with a spectacular alley-oop, and Pitt wasted little time opening up a 20-point lead and cruised.

The huge advantage allowed Dixon to experiment and let Taylor show signs of life. The senior center has turned into a role player of sorts while serving as a backup to Adams. Yet he played with confidence after an early dunk, and his 16 points were six more than he scored in his previous five games combined.

BUCKEYES FROM 1B

just never knew night to night who was going to lead you in scoring. I’m fine with that.”

Ross has had back-to-back big games. A starter earlier in the season, he is giving the Buckeyes a shot of instant offense.

He scored 22 points in a win over Northern Kentucky in their last game, then added career highs with nine rebounds and four assists to go with his scoring against Long Beach.

“Coming off the bench it was always hard, but you’ve got to get in the game quick because you’ve got to produce quick,” he said. “Even if you’re not making shots on the offensive end you have to play defense at the other end. My 3s didn’t fall this game (0 for 5) but I found other ways to score.”

Up by 14 at the break, the

Buckeyes wasted little time in putting the game out of reach.

Smith made a jumper on the first trip down the floor of the second half and, after a Long Beach miss, he fed Evan Ravenel for a thunderous dunk down the heart of the lane and through traffic.

49ers coach Dan Monson, familiar with Ohio State from his days coaching at Minnesota, called a quick timeout at the 19-minute mark but that didn’t stem the tide.

“This game was over one minute into the second half,” Monson said. “To me, that’s where (my) team has got to grow. It is a bad basketball team, but it doesn’t have to be. We have better players than what we played today. That’s something that we’ve got to, we have to play better.”

Dan Jennings scored 16 points and James Ennis had 12 for the 49ers, who have dropped three straight. They

lost at No. 4 Syracuse 84-53 on Thursday before taking on another top-10 team just over 40 hours later.

“We just have to believe that we can go out and win these kinds of games,” Jennings said. “We have to come together as a team, play together. We may not be the deepest team, but we have talent, and if we believe, we can do it.”

Ohio State led 39-25 at the break, riding an 11-0 run.

“We came into this game a little flat,” said Thomas, who made seven field goals but celebrated more after an assist on a 3 by Aaron Craft. “The one thing we did, we stayed together and we shared the ball real well. We passed to each other and somebody scored.”

One major area of concern for the Buckeyes remains the post position. Ravenel, Amir Williams and Trey McDonald combined for 13 points, eight rebounds and

► NASCAR

Forrest Lucas eager to expand IndyCar reach
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — With all due respect to the rest of the world, Forrest Lucas is glad American Ryan Hunter-Reay won the IndyCar championship.

Lucas is the co-founder of Lucas Oil, which among other things has the naming rights to the Indianapolis Colts' football stadium. He has a long history of involvement in racing, from sponsoring race teams and building tracks to sponsoring races and creating racing television programming. Though his products are sold in 26 countries, Lucas couldn't have been happier when Hunter-Reay became the first American since Sam Hornish in 2006 to win an IndyCar title. "I think it's very important that we have American names out there again," Lucas said. "We still need to have a little Formula One and some of that atmosphere to it, but it needs to be an American company for people here to root for it because people are watching to see their guy win."

Lucas spoke during the "Lunch with Lucas" program during the International Motorsports Industry Show on Friday. Part of the program focused on Lucas' patriotism. The U.S. flag has been a part of the Lucas Oil shield since it was created in 1989 and the company's branding statement is "American Real." Lucas hopes he can play a part in bringing U.S. fans back to IndyCar racing. "I think Indy racing kind of got off track years ago," he said. "Americans stopped watching Indy racing. They started watching NASCAR and NHRA and things like that, so I think it's very important that we have the Americans back in it, and it's extremely important that we're getting a lot of traction here."

Lucas also owns MAVTV, which has naming rights for the IndyCar race in Fontana, Calif. American driver Ed Carpenter won the 2012 race. Hunter-Reay finished fourth, American Graham Rahal was sixth and another U.S. driver, Marco Andretti, was eighth. MAVTV has naming rights for two more years. In June 2013, Lucas plans to launch Lucas Oil Network, an Internet television network that will offer a heavy dose of racing programming. "In a time when motorsports are a little down, we are going forward just full bore," Lucas Oil spokesman Stuart Rowlands said. Lucas explained that television is facing an uncertain future.

"There's a huge flux in television," he said. "Nobody really knows where it's going. Everybody's guessing and betting, and there's going to be a lot of people with their hand-helds." Rowlands said Lucas Oil Network would immediately increase the company's reach. "They're trying as hard as they can and this is the obvious way to do it," he said. "If we can't build the racetracks over there and there's no local television or cable networks, hey, if you can show your product on the internet, you can watch it on the computer." Lucas expects MAVTV to remain successful, but he's preparing for the day that television becomes less prominent. "I wish everybody could watch television, but so many people are going to quit watching television and start watching internet television," he said. "We're trying to cover all bases. We're not abandoning standard television, we're just trying to get out there and get the rest of it because we are a worldwide company and we want to get more worldwide. We're just trying to be good businessmen."

► NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
East										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
y-New England	9	3	0	.750	430	260				
N.Y. Jets	5	7	0	.417	228	296				
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	277	337				
Miami	5	7	0	.417	227	249				
South										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
x-Houston	11	1	0	.917	351	221				
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	265	306				
Tennessee	4	8	0	.333	248	359				
Jacksonville	2	10	0	.167	206	342				
North										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	303	242				
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	254	230				
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	302	260				
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	229	265				
West										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
y-Denver	10	3	0	.769	375	257				
San Diego	4	8	0	.333	258	257				
Oakland	3	10	0	.231	248	402				
Kansas City	2	10	0	.167	188	322				
NATIONAL CONFERENCE										
East										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
N.Y. Giants	7	5	0	.583	321	243				
Washington	6	6	0	.500	312	301				
Dallas	6	6	0	.500	280	295				
Philadelphia	3	9	0	.250	217	320				
South										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
y-Atlanta	11	1	0	.917	317	229				
Tampa Bay	6	6	0	.500	333	285				
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	321	327				
Carolina	3	9	0	.250	235	292				
North										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	296	259				
Chicago	8	4	0	.667	294	198				
Minnesota	6	6	0	.500	262	272				
Detroit	4	8	0	.333	300	315				
West										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
San Francisco	8	3	1	.708	289	171				
Seattle	7	5	0	.583	242	202				
St. Louis	5	6	1	.458	221	267				
Arizona	4	8	0	.333	186	234				
x-clinched playoff spot										
y-clinched division										
Thursday's Game										
Denver 26, Oakland 13										
Sunday's Games										
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.										
Baltimore at Washington, 1 p.m.										
Kansas City at Cleveland, 1 p.m.										
San Diego at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.										
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.										
N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.										
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.										
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.										
St. Louis at Buffalo, 1 p.m.										
Dallas at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.										
Miami at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.										
Arizona at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.										
New Orleans at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.										
Detroit at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.										
Monday's Game										
Houston at New England, 8:30 p.m.										
Thursday, Dec. 13										
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.										

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Inaugural European Games approved for Baku in 2015
ROME (AP) — The inaugural European Games were approved Saturday by continental Olympic committees and assigned to Baku in June 2015.

The secret ballot of European Olympic Committees ends years of debate, passing with 38 in favor, eight against and three abstaining. The capital of Azerbaijan was the sole candidate.

The results were met with applause from the floor of 49 delegations at the two-day EOC general assembly.

Other continents already have regional competitions, such as the Asian Games and Pan American Games. The biggest obstacle to a European Games had been the fact that two major sports — athletics and swimming — already have established continental competitions. It remains unclear if athletics and swimming will participate in 2015.

Dates have not been fixed yet, but as many as 7,000 athletes are expected to participate. The event will include 15 of the 28 summer Olympic sports, plus two non-Olympic sports, which haven't been selected yet. Sports that could be confirmed include: archery, badminton, boxing, canoeing, fencing, handball, judo, rugby sevens, shooting, taekwondo, table tennis, triathlon and volleyball.

Negotiations are also under way with the European Union of Gymnastics.

The games will be held every four years. The idea for a European Games had been under consideration for years, but this was the first time the EOC voted. The already crowded sports calendar had been among the main concerns.

"These first games will be very much a trial and test run for a huge event in 2019," EOC President Patrick Hickey told The Associated Press on Friday. "My idea is that this would become a qualifier for the Olympic Games in 2020 for certain sports. We have to negotiate with certain federations."

Athletics and swimming world championships have already been scheduled for 2015. The athletics event will be held in Beijing in August, while the swimming competition is slated for Kazan, Russia, in July.

In a statement, European Athletics ruled out any involvement for 2015, although the governing body left the door open for possible participation after that.

"2015 is for us not possible as we already have contractual obligations to honor," it said. "Nowadays, though, the future is requesting a strong coordination between sports bodies and other parties such as television, for example, in order to be successful. If this coordination can be achieved, then European Athletics is open to looking to such solutions."

Athletics and swimming European championships will be held in 2014.

"We're open to looking at our options and we don't want to say 'No' before the fact, but the calendar is already packed and 2015 is around the corner," European swimming federation (LEN) President Paolo Barelli told The Associated Press.

Baku submitted a bid for the 2020 Summer Olympics but was eliminated when the IOC selected a shortlist of three finalists in May. Armenia asked not to vote, as it remains in a conflict with Azerbaijan over the mountainous territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

► NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	14	5	.737	—
Brooklyn	11	7	.611	2½
Philadelphia	11	9	.550	3½
Boston	11	9	.550	3½
Toronto	4	16	.200	10½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	13	5	.722	—
Atlanta	11	5	.688	1
Charlotte	7	12	.368	6½
Orlando	7	12	.368	6½
Washington	2	15	.118	10½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	11	8	.579	—
Milwaukee	9	9	.500	1½
Indiana	10	10	.500	1½
Detroit	7	15	.318	5½
Cleveland	4	17	.190	8
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	14	3	.824	1
San Antonio	17	4	.810	—
Houston	9	9	.500	6½
Dallas	9	10	.474	7
New Orleans	5	14	.263	11
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	16	4	.800	—
Utah	11	10	.524	5½
Denver	10	10	.500	6
Minnesota	9	9	.500	6
Portland	8	11	.421	7½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	13	6	.684	—
Golden State	13	7	.650	½
L.A. Lakers	9	11	.450	4½
Sacramento	6	12	.333	6½
Phoenix	7	14	.333	7
Friday's Games				
Philadelphia 95, Boston 94, OT				
Denver 92, Indiana 89				
Atlanta 104, Washington 95				
Golden State 109, Brooklyn 102				
Chicago 108, Detroit 104				
Minnesota 91, Cleveland 73				
Memphis 96, New Orleans 89				
San Antonio 114, Houston 92				
Milwaukee 108, Charlotte 93				
Utah 131, Toronto 99				
Oklahoma City 114, L.A. Lakers 108				
Sacramento 91, Orlando 82				
Saturday's Games				
L.A. Clippers 117, Phoenix 99				
San Antonio 132, Charlotte 102				
Golden State 101, Washington 97				
Boston 92, Philadelphia 79				
Detroit 104, Cleveland 97				
Miami 106, New Orleans 90				
Chicago 93, New York 85				
Dallas at Houston, 8 p.m.				
Atlanta at Memphis, 8 p.m.				
Sacramento at Portland, 10 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.				
Milwaukee at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.				
Indiana at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.				
Denver at New York, 7:30 p.m.				
Orlando at Phoenix, 8 p.m.				
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.				

► COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Cincinnati hires Tuberville as football coach

CINCINNATI (AP) — Tommy Tuberville wasn't expecting a call from an old acquaintance. A few hours later, he was headed north for a new job.

Tuberville left Texas Tech to become Cincinnati's football coach Saturday, moving away from a Big 12 school to one that has an uncertain future with conference realignment. He left the Red Raiders after three years to coach at a school where his recent predecessors have lasted no longer.

Two hours after Cincinnati's 11th-ranked basketball team won its ninth game of the season, the Bearcats hauled out their Big East trophies and held a pep rally — complete with cheerleaders, band and several hundred fans — for the new

coach at midcourt.

"There's always a next step," Tuberville said. "I'm going to get the question: Why did you come to Cincinnati? That's exactly it."

His quick hiring ended a whirlwind week in Cincinnati, which had won a share of its fourth Big East title in the past five years a week earlier. Coach Butch Jones interviewed at Purdue and Colorado before accepting the job at Tennessee on Friday morning.

Athletics director Whit Babcock had Tuberville — whom he worked with for three years at Auburn — at the top of his list of candidates. Working on two hours of sleep, Babcock called Tuberville on Saturday morning to see if he was

interested.

"I was perfectly satisfied," Tuberville said. "I had a great home in Lubbock, Texas. The people of west Texas are great people, they love football. Our football team played hard. ... But there was something when Whit called that I thought, 'You know? Let me think about this.'"

Texas Tech athletics director Kirby Hocutt was stunned when Tuberville called to tell him he was leaving.

"The first indication I got was at 10:32 this morning when he called me," Hocutt said. "Tommy and I have talked a number of times since the conclusion of the Baylor game this year, and as recently as yesterday he looked me in the eye and

gave me his commitment and dedication to Texas Tech football and leading this program forward."

Both teams are headed to bowl games with their coaching staffs in flux.

The Bearcats (9-3) held their first practice on Saturday for the Belk Bowl against Duke. Players heard the news while eating lunch after practice.

"We had a real smooth practice," senior quarterback Brendon Kay said. "We knocked the rust off from not practicing for a week. After practice, I was in the locker room and then eating lunch, it came on (television). We said, 'Wow, this is real.'"

Tuberville won't coach the Bearcats in their bowl, leaving it up to the staff.

Tuberville went 20-17 in three seasons at Texas Tech, after coaching at Mississippi and Auburn. The Red Raiders (7-5) will play Minnesota in the Meineke Car Care Bowl after missing out on a bowl last season.

By hiring the 58-year-old Tuberville, Cincinnati broke with its recent practice of attracting up-and-coming coaches from smaller conferences. The last three coaches left after three years each — Mark Dantonio came from Ohio State and left for Michigan State; Brian Kelly came from Central Michigan and went to Notre Dame; Jones succeeded Kelly at both Central Michigan and Cincinnati.

Like Kelly and Jones, Tuberville likes a wide-open of

fense. The Red Raiders ranked second nationally with 361.9 yards passing this season.

His final season at Texas Tech was marred by a sideline outburst. Tuberville lost his temper with graduate assistant Kevin Oliver during a 41-34 win over Kansas.

Tuberville appeared to strike Oliver after the Red Raiders had trouble getting the right players on the field. Tuberville said he grabbed Oliver's headset, but wished he'd handled the situation better.

The Bearcats hope his hiring allows them to end their streak of losing football coaches every few years. He agreed to the framework of a five-year deal, with details still to be worked out.

► NFL

Game-changers RG3, Reed meet in Ravens-Redskins

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time to break out more superlatives. Robert Griffin III is about to play another game.

"He's unbelievable. He's back there, he makes more plays than anyone you've been around. He changes the game."

Ah, but there's a catch. While it certainly sounds like a defensive player getting ready to face RG3, it's actually Washington Redskins offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan talking about Baltimore Ravens safety Ed Reed.

"There's a reason people say he's the best of all time," added Shanahan, adding a bit of praise that's not even in Griffin's ballpark.

No active player has more interceptions than Reed. No regular starting quarterback this season has a lower interception rate than Griffin. The veteran ball hawk and do-everything rookie meet for the first time when the Ravens (9-3) visit the Redskins (6-6) on Sunday.

"You've just got to be aware of where he's at," said Griffin, who has thrown just four picks this season. "Just like he's got to be aware of where I am."

Every Redskins game this season has revolved around the unique challenge of defending a quarterback who can run the option with world class speed, yet whose decision-making when dropping back to pass is the envy

of quarterbacks much older. This week is no different.

"He's making great decisions," Reed said. "He still has a lot to learn, obviously. The offensive scheme that they're running helps him out a lot."

Griffin is also proving to be a winner and a national phenomenon, leading the Redskins on a three-game streak that has them within a game of first place in the NFC East. His jersey and cleats were sent to the Hall of Fame this week after he topped Cam Newton's NFL single-season record for rushing yards by a rookie quarterback.

"We've got to contain him," Reed said. "We've got

to get him on the ground and not allow him to run, but that's like telling Superman not to fly."

Baltimore's reputation for defense has taken a bit of a hit this season as opponents pile up chunks of yards, although the statistics can be misleading. The Ravens are ranked 25th in the conventional measuring stick of yards allowed, but they are eighth in points allowed — and it's points that determine wins and losses.

Baltimore is in good shape to clinch a playoff berth for the fifth consecutive season and could sew up the AFC North this weekend, pending the results from other games. The Ravens lost to

the Pittsburgh Steelers last week, but they are currently the NFL's best bounce-back team, winning 15 in a row following a defeat since their last two-game losing streak in 2009.

"There's always a little bit of extra urgency after a loss, for whatever reason," Baltimore quarterback Joe Flacco said. "I don't know if it's a bad thing or a good thing. But we are always calm, cool and collected and confident around here."

While the Ravens have a bit of a cushion in their division, the Redskins have been playing in must-win mode since dropping to 3-6 last month. After a trio of intense games against division

rivals, Washington can now find motivation in winning the Beltway Bowl against its neighbor to the north.

"This is for all the bragging rights right here," Redskins tight end Niles Paul said, "because we see these guys, we're friends with these guys."

That's not a universal feeling in the locker room, however. After all, it's hard to build a rivalry between teams that play only once every four years.

"We've got enough rivalries as it is," Redskins cornerback Josh Wilson said. "We've got a whole division of rivalries, so I don't think we can accept any more applications."

Cowboys, Bengals set to meet in important game

CINCINNATI (AP) — A lot of Andy Dalton's friends and family are flying in for a game that has big interest back in his home state.

"I guess being from Texas, everybody's excited about this one," said the Bengals quarterback, who grew up in suburban Houston.

They're headed this way for a pivotal game that was overshadowed for the Cowboys on Saturday. Defensive lineman Josh Brent was charged with intoxication manslaughter charge after a

one-vehicle accident that killed teammate Jerry Brown in Irving, Texas.

The Cowboys (6-6) have gotten into the NFC wild card race by winning three of their last four games. The Bengals (7-5) have run off four straight wins to get in position for an AFC wild card and, perhaps, a division title. Neither can afford a loss at this stage.

"It's kind of a prelude to the playoffs," Bengals left tackle Andrew Whitworth said. "Teams are going to

turn it on and try their best to get into the (postseason) show, so you're going to get everybody's best every week."

A sign of the game's importance: Paul Brown Stadium will be sold out for the first time in the last three home games. A lot of those fans will be cheering for the Cowboys, who have made it exciting lately by putting up a lot of points. Dallas has scored 38, 23, 38 and 38 points in the last four games. The Cowboys are one of

four teams in the NFC tied at 6-6, one game behind Seattle for the last wild-card spot. Like the Bengals, the Cowboys started 3-5 and have recovered by putting together their best stretch of the season. They're one game behind the New York Giants for the NFC East lead, tied with Washington for second place.

The Cowboys finish the season at Washington.

"When you think about the East, it's always been down to the wire," line-

backer DeMarcus Ware said. "It's always been close. It's a brutal NFC East, grind 'em conference, division. It's going to come down to the wire."

"We just need to keep playing well, think about a game at a time and eventually hoping we get to the end."

That's the same approach the Bengals have taken while digging out of their 3-5 start. One difference: Cincinnati's defense has been much bet-

ter over that span. The Bengals have scored 31, 28, 34 and 20 points during their four wins while holding opponents to 13 points or less.

As a result, Cincinnati is tied with Pittsburgh for the final wild card spot, although the Steelers won their first game this season. Both trail Baltimore by two games in the AFC North with four to play. Cincinnati ends the season at Pittsburgh and home against the Ravens.

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thick of the AFC playoff chase despite spending long stretches without stars Ben Roethlisberger, Troy Polamalu and James Harrison.

Roethlisberger, however, figures to be fully recovered from a sprained right shoulder and dislocated rib that sidelined him the last three weeks. The two-time Super Bowl winner practiced without issue both Wednesday and Thursday, and the Steelers are optimistic it won't take long for their MVP to return to form.

"When he's in there, it just opens everything up for us," wide receiver Mike Wallace said. "You look at where we were at before he got hurt, and we were really starting to get it."

The Steelers briefly wob-

bled with Roethlisberger watching from the sidelines in a gray sweat suit, losing consecutive games for the first time in three years. Backs against the wall a week ago in Baltimore, Pittsburgh responded with an emotional 23-20 comeback victory over the Ravens behind backup Charlie Batch.

Maybe the fact the game was played Dec. 2 is no coincidence. The Steelers have been among the best closers in the league over the last three seasons, going 11-2 in regular-season games played after Nov. 30 since 2010.

"It's just like running a marathon," Wallace said. "Everybody stays in a pack then at the end you've got to separate yourselves. So hopefully we can do that and separate ourselves as one of the best teams in the league."

It's something the Chargers hoped to be doing this

winter too. Instead San Diego heads to a city where it has never won during the regular season (0-14) already out of the AFC West race and needing several miracles to get back into the postseason mix and provide a compelling argument to keep coach Norv Turner around.

The Chargers have dropped seven of eight following a 3-1 start thanks to a series of injuries — particularly along the offensive line — and baffling implosions. San Diego needs to win out to avoid its first losing season since 2003, the year before the Chargers drafted quarterback Philip Rivers to help resuscitate the franchise.

Rivers did that and more, leading San Diego to four straight playoff appearances from 2006-2009, including a memorable push in 2008 when the Chargers won their

last four games to capture the division title at 8-8.

Mathematically, there's no chance of repeating the feat this time around. And even if there was, Rivers allows the vibe in the locker room is one of frustration, not optimism.

"We've been 4-8 before and with playoff chances just as slim and bleak, yet in some ways this feels worse," Rivers said. "I remember being in the stadium in Atlanta after we lost in 2008 at 4-8 and that was about as low as I thought I could ever be. So I guess this ranks right up there and it's been tough because we've had a chance in every single game."

On that front, he's right. All seven of San Diego's losses during its two-month swoon have been by 11 points or less and three of them have come against the AFC North, including a life-

less 7-6 meltdown at Cleveland in October and a stunning implosion in a 16-13 overtime loss to Baltimore two weeks ago in which the Ravens converted fourth-and-29 in the final minutes of regulation to tie it.

Not exactly the fall Rivers had in mind. He expected to spend December shadow-boxing Denver's Peyton Manning for a division title. Instead Rivers is defeat away from his first losing season as a quarterback.

"I think that in seventh grade we had (one) but I played a little wide-out and other things believe it or not," he said. "I don't know what it's like and I don't know how many guys do here. I know that since I've been here in '04 we haven't had one. We had a couple of 8-8's. That's something that as a group and as a competitor, you still care about."

The Steelers aren't exactly in the clear themselves, but knocking off the Ravens on the road gave the locker room a needed jolt. Though cornerback Ike Taylor will miss his first game in eight years with a fractured right ankle, Pittsburgh is getting healthy and gaining momentum.

It's a formula that helped propel the Steelers to the Super Bowl two years ago. The memory remains fresh, just like Tomlin's message to focus on the details and take care of the task in front of you before getting too worked up about the one coming behind it.

"It's not going to be an average team that wins in the playoffs," Wallace said. "Even though we haven't been great the whole year, if we get great now, that's all that really matters."

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week's events have taken their toll on his players, and it's possible that by Sunday they could be completely spent.

"We have to be cognizant of that," he said. "Just like last week I was cognizant of the fact that I didn't know how we were going to handle it mentally. Like I told them, 'You are prepared to play a football game. You worked during the week, you've installed the game plan and you've practiced and you are prepared to play in the game. But mentally is the question can we put our tragedy aside for the few hours that we have to play

and then still play?"

"To their credit and to their character, they were able to put the misery aside, play a good football game and then come out victorious."

The game will be a homecoming of sorts for Crennel, quarterback Brady Quinn, running back Peyton Hillis and offensive coordinator Brian Daboll, all of whom were with the Browns (4-8).

At one point, Quinn was thought to be Cleveland's franchise quarterback. He was drafted by the Browns in the first round in 2007, and had some solid games for Cleveland before he was traded in 2010 to Denver — ironically for Hillis, who engaged in some back-and-forth trash talk with Browns

Pro Bowl tackle Joe Thomas this week.

Now, Quinn is returning to play his former team following the best game of his career. Putting aside his feelings and showing remarkable leadership, Quinn completed 19 of 23 passes for 201 yards and two touchdowns in Kansas City's win. He posted a 132.1 passer rating and was the AFC offensive player of the week.

There couldn't be much tougher circumstances for a quarterback, and Quinn delivered. He showed his teammates the way for three challenging hours on the field.

Days later, Quinn wasn't sure where he summoned the strength for the performance.

"My thoughts and concerns were just trying to focus and do the best I can during the game while I was playing," he said.

It was after the game when Quinn made a bigger impression.

As he described dealing with his emotions, Quinn poignantly spoke of how people should do more to help their neighbor and strengthen the relationships they have in their lives. His from-the-heart comments struck a nerve and were widely applauded.

"It was something from my experience of growing up in an age when you didn't even have a cell phone when you were in junior high, and now it's like every kid's got a

cell phone and every kid's on the Internet," he said. "The relationships you have with people face to face on a daily basis kind of gets brushed aside for everything else that's out there."

"A lot of times people hide their issues, their problems, they don't talk to anyone until it's too late."

Quinn said it may be difficult for the Chiefs to play as well as they did last week. Time has passed, but not yet enough to make a big difference — or ease the pain.

"Everyone understands what their job is on a day-to-day basis," he said. "It's a solid locker room of guys who love to play and are dedicated to their sport. There's definitely some peo-

ple who are still hurting inside. They may not be showing it, but you can tell. It's still in the back of our minds."

The Browns have a chance to win three straight games for the first time since 2009, when they ended the season with four in a row. To do that, they'll have to beat the Chiefs and Crennel, whose ability to lead Kansas City's players through a crisis wasn't surprising.

"Romeo is a great guy on and off the field," Browns kick returner Josh Cribbs said. "He's a great coach, a motivator and knows how to get the guys rallied up. I'm sure he'd do an awesome job and he has done an awesome job so far."

HORO SCOPE
BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Sunday, December 9, 2012
The void-of-course Libra Moon of the early day has a suggestion: sleep in as long as possible. Your body can probably use the extra chance to repair itself from yesterday's wear and tear. Besides, you'll probably be only minimally productive if you let your to-do list run you around all morning. Afternoon brings clarity and sense of purpose.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You accept authority when it's clearly focused on what's good for the group. But a self-interested leader is intolerable to you, and you will rebel against such an abuse of power.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You won't be content to handle the practical aspects of a job while another person gets to add the creative touches. You want to be a part of the icing and the cake, too. Express your wishes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will work hard if the situation requires it. Right now, the situation is best enjoyed. By kicking back with a smile and beverage you pave the way for others to relax, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are many ways you show your maturity. For instance, you'll see through someone's half-truth, and you won't call it out. You'll observe guardedly, knowing where everyone stands.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You see indifference as a fault and you're right. Courageous people don't stand on the sidelines, they get involved. You'll rise above any fear or ego need that held you back and get into the mix.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What some people don't realize is that being a good judge of character is a skill. You've picked up this ability through trial and error as well as by following the example of a wise someone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Here's a way to make sure that you're on the same page as the one you love: sync up your timelines. Feelings of closeness will grow when you eat, sleep, work and play the same time of day as each other.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are dealing in a system that is corrupt. But that doesn't mean you can't do your best. Admit it -- in all fairness, nothing is fair. But everything can be improved with the right attitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't suffer from the same case of celebrity worship as those around you, which will make you the perfect one to talk to the glamorous people in a language they can relate to.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The needs of the collective, such as it is, are so large in your mind that you're not worried in the least about yourself. You value those who share your common purpose and work along side you toward this aim.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's in your nature to protect the ones you love. Someone who's been in your care is ready for independent experiences, and yet, you may struggle to let go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Every person you meet has filters on his or her ears designed to capture necessary, relevant and pleasant information while letting the rest sift through. Knowing this will guide your message.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (DEC. 9). Your work and personal life harmonize well through the next three months. After that, you'll make a change in order to continue to create such harmony. The ones you train and teach will make you proud in January. You'll earn a bonus in March and another in September. Love whisks you to foreign lands in July. Cancer and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 49, 32, 14 and 30.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK
AHEAD: The word "intelligence" is an umbrella covering so many areas that Webster's Dictionary includes seven different definitions, two of them being medical definitions, and none of them feeling complete. Because intelligence seems as intricate, mysterious and ever-changing as our expanding knowledge of the world itself. In short, what we know about how we know is limited. But the more we apply ourselves to becoming smarter, the smarter we become. Scientists may disagree on many things about the human brain, but most concur that our brains are different from those of our predecessors. On a biological level, humans are changing. And that is the theme this week as quick-witted Mercury heads into the expansive realm of Sagittarius. Venus follows later in the week. Where your intellect goes, so will your heart -- just give it a few days.

A fiery trine of Mercury and Uranus begins Sunday, lines up exactly on Friday and continues to have an effect into next week. In this cosmic arrangement, Mercury and Uranus sound off like triumphant battlefield trumpeters. What's different about this battle is that no one has to lose. We're all fighting the same fight and wanting the same things -- to feel happy, safe and productive. The more we can help each other out, the better.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Happy birthday to Grammy Award winning Wallflower's frontman, Jakob Dylan. Celebrating the recent release of their first album in seven years, the Wallflowers are rebooting their mission on an international tour. Dylan's natal Sun, Moon and Venus are all in Sagittarius, the sign of the traveling troubadour. Libran aspects reveal a true romantic who gathers strength and art in close relationships.

ANTIQUES
BY TERRY KOVEL

In the 1980s, collectors tried to solve the mystery of who made a series of red, black and cream-colored pitchers shaped like animals and birds. They were all marked "hand painted Erphila" in a round cartouche. Some were also marked "est. 1926," some "Germany" and some "Czechoslovakia." Years of research has finally solved the riddle. The pitchers come in two sizes, 9 inches or 6 inches high. The set includes a toucan, rooster, parrot, cat, dog, ram, goat, elephant, duck and perhaps others. They were made in Czechoslovakia at the Ditmer Urbach Factory.

The history of the factory is uncertain, but separate Ditmer and Urbach factories merged sometime before 1913 into the Ditmer-Urbach Factory. The Nazis took it over in 1938, and it was still working in 1945. The marks provide some clues. The word "Czechoslovakia" indicates a date in the 1920s. "Germany" was used later. Ebeling and Reuss, a Philadelphia importing company, ordered the set of pitchers for its customers and had them marked "E" for "Ebeling," "R" for "Reuss" and "Phila" for "Philadelphia" (Erphila). That mark was used on many types of imported decorative wares.

Ebeling & Reuss is still in business in Allentown, Pa., and still uses the same mark on pieces it imports. The vintage cat pitcher is the most expensive, selling for as much as \$1,000. Other prices: rooster, \$235; ram, \$440; toucan, \$485; and goat, \$775. It sometimes pays to buy an unidentified piece that you like. The pitchers were about \$25 each in the 1980s.

Q: Years ago, we bought a grandfather clock from a friend whose ceiling was not high enough for the clock. The clock is marked "Royal Furniture, Grand Rapids." Can you tell us something about the maker and age of our clock?

A: Royal Furniture Co. was in business in Grand Rapids, Mich., from 1892 to 1931. But the company's ownership changed in 1919, and the new owner's name, Robert W. Irwin, was added to Royal's marks that year. So your clock was made between 1892 and 1919. Royal made high-quality furniture, including grandfather clock cases, but the internal clock mechanism was made by another company, probably the Charles Jacques Clock Co. of New York City. Charles Jacques was known to supply some grandfather clockworks to Royal.

Q: I have inherited an antique wash

bowl and pitcher set. The pieces have a matching floral blue transfer pattern. The bowl is marked "Porcelain Royale, Pitcairns Limited, Tunstall, England." The pitcher has a different mark: "Old Hall, England, E'Ware." Please explain the difference in the marks. How old is the set, and what is it worth?

A: Your bowl and pitcher were both made by pottery companies that operated in the famous Staffordshire district of northern England. The bowl was made in the town of Tunstall by Pitcairns Ltd., which was in business from 1895 to 1901. The pitcher was made at Old Hall Pottery in Hanley, a town not far from Tunstall. The company that operated Old Hall Pottery was called "Old Hall Earthenware Co." from 1861 to 1886, then "Old Hall Porcelain Works" from 1886 to 1902. But even after the company's name changed, it continued to make earthenware. It is unusual but not surprising that your bowl and pitcher were made by two different companies. Many potteries used the same transferware patterns and their items were sold in the same shops. A set like yours auctioned for \$30 a couple of years ago.

Q: At a local thrift store, I recently purchased a Punch and Judy mechanical bank for \$18. It looks old and is made of heavy cast iron. The bank is in the shape of a puppet-show stage, with Punch and Judy performing. If you place a coin in the plate Judy is holding and push a lever on the side of the bank, Judy turns to deposit the coin in the bank while Punch moves forward and brings down the club he's holding in his hand. The bank is 6 inches high by 5 1/2 inches wide by 2 inches deep. What is my bank worth?

A: The original and now antique Punch and Judy Bank was patented in 1884 by Shepard Hardware Co. of Buffalo, N.Y. Shepard produced high-quality cast-iron mechanical banks until the early 1890s. Reproductions of the bank have been made in abundance since the 1950s, and it is extremely likely that your bank is one of the many reproductions. Originals are 6 1/8 inches wide; most reproductions were cast from originals - and, like yours, are smaller than originals. Genuine old Punch and Judy banks sell for close to \$4,000 if the original paint is in good condition. Reproductions, depending on quality and age, sell for under \$20 up to about \$150. Consult an expert about the age and quality of your bank.

Q: My very old upright piano is marked "Starck Cabinet Grand, Chicago, U.S.A." How old is it? What is it worth?

A: Starck Piano Co., also known as P.A. Starck, was in business in Chicago from 1891 to 1968. It is likely that your piano dates from the 1920s or '30s, but you can verify that by looking for a serial number on your piano; it might be on the back of the piano or inside the case. The value of a piano is based not just on age and quality, but also on condition. A professional technician would have to look at it. Most old uprights don't sell for a lot of money, though, because moving a piano is expensive.

Tip: Switch dishwasher detergent brands periodically. This helps to keep the inside of the dishwasher and your dishes free of any chemical buildup. Glass will have more sparkle.

CURRENT PRICES
Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

- Shirley Temple doll, composition, open mouth, sleep eyes, blond curly wig, Ideal, c. 1937, 13 inches, \$158.
- Curtain tieback, porcelain, brass, flower shape, double petals, gilt, oak leaf and acorns, 1800s, 6 1/2 inches, pair, \$305.
- Perfume bottle stopper, blue glass, gilt flowers, bands, Empire-style metal base, France, 13 inches, \$359.
- Buck Rogers pocketknife, two blades, celluloid grips, Camillus Cutlery Co., 1935, 3 inches, \$403.
- Torah pointer, silver, lion finial, filigree shaft, coral, turquoise cabochons, spiral chain, 10 1/2 inches, \$443.
- Coalport vase, Egyptian style, campaign shape, scroll handles, gilt borders, c. 1810, 9 inches, \$1,037.
- Iron birdhouse, Gothic style, bird finial, arched door, stepped base, Miller Iron Co., Rhode Island, c. 1868, 14 inches, \$2,074.
- Wedgwood teapot, molded Egyptian band, red, black, alligator knob, impressed mark, c. 1805, 3 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches, \$2,151.
- Stained-glass window, Art Nouveau, leafy vine, pink flowers, green and purple ground, c. 1910, 20 x 22 inches, \$2,963.
- Gothic Revival sofa, mahogany, lancet frame, oggee feet, casters, c. 1845, 41 x 83 inches, \$3,884.

ASK STACY
BY STACY
JENEL SMITH

With Jane Leeves' "Hot in Cleveland" character returning to college, can a campus romance be far behind?

"One hopes, you know," she answers dryly, "and if so, I hope I have a little say in casting. I'm not quite sure where they're going to go with it -- I'm not sure they know -- but I think the whole idea of sending me back to school is terrific. It's afforded us a couple of very funny storylines already. They don't tell us what's coming up on the show, but they certainly keep it fun and fresh."

Keeping things fresh is the name of the game as the sitcom goes into its fourth season. For those who missed the last week's season premiere, Heather Locklear is now on board as Valerie Bertinelli's new boss, Regis Philbin has returned as Betty White's hair stylist beau, Pierre, Wendie Malick's Victoria character is making a Woody Allen movie -- and Jane's Joy character is a grandmother now, courtesy of son Owen (Michael McMillian). Also fresh are plans to do a live episode of the show next summer.

"They came to us like a week or two ago with the idea and we all just jumped on it," Jane tells us. "I think we all have theater experience. There's nothing like doing something live. It's scary and exhilarating, and things can go wrong and do go wrong. I'm excited to do it."

According to her, all four of the "Hot in Cleveland" ladies are "certainly hoping it goes on a few more years, because we're all having the time of our lives. We adore each other and we adore going to work. It's one of the happiest sets any of us has worked on."

In her case, it also makes for a harmonious blend of work and home life.

"I'm in an ideal situation because I have an amazing husband, who absolutely shares everything with me, who does a bit more than me because he can be more flexible with his work," she says of her mate, CBS executive Marshall Cohen. They have an 11-year-old daughter and an eight-year-old son. "I'm up at six getting the kids ready for school, getting breakfast, rushing off to school, going to work, the grocery store, trying to figure out what to do for dinner, getting dinner. It's chaotic to say the least. Any working mom will tell you that. It's chaos, but it's wonderful chaos."

Besides "Hot in Cleveland," the Ilford, Essex-born actress lends her lilting English voice to cartoons (e.g. "Phineas and Ferb") and takes on other outside gigs.

"I did a play in April, a rather fun, racy play, with a bunch of crazy, crazy British comedians -- Russell Brand, Eddie Izzard, Billy Connolly, Tracey Ullman. It's a little radio play by Eric Idle called 'What About Dick?' We performed it as a radio play over three nights, here at the Orpheum Theatre, and it's now available to download. It's excruciatingly funny," she lets us know.

Jane remains close friends with her former "Frasier" castmates. In fact, she lives next door to Peri Gilpin, and their children go to school together. Peri is godmother to Jane's daughter, and John Mahoney and David Hyde Pierce are godfathers to her son. Peri and John have already done "Hot in Cleveland" episodes. As far as more "Frasier" cast appearances, "We can keep our fingers crossed. It would be wonderful," she says.

"I was thinking of Bebe Neuwirth today. I love Bebe, and I would love to have her on the show." As for Kelsey Grammer, "It's a little tough -- Kelsey's off doing 'Boss' in Chicago. And David Hyde Pierce, I see him when I can. He's based in New York now. I don't think you can go through something like we did together on the show and not stay friends."

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By The Associated Press

► **“The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey”** — Stuffed with Hollywood’s latest technology, Peter Jackson’s “The Lord of the Rings” prelude is some eye candy that truly dazzles and some that utterly distracts, at least in its test-run of 48 frames a second, double the projection rate that has been standard since silent-film days.

It’s also overstuffed with prologues, flashbacks and long, boring councils among dwarves, wizards and elves as Jackson tries to mine enough story out of J.R.R. Tolkien’s mythology to build another trilogy. Remember the interminable false endings of “The Return of the King,” the Academy Award-winning finale of Jackson’s “Lord of the Rings”? “An Unexpected Journey” has a similar bloat throughout its nearly three hours, in which Tolkien’s brisk story of intrepid little hobbit Bilbo Baggins is drawn out and diluted by dispensable trimmings better left for DVD extras.

Two more parts are coming, so we won’t know how the whole story comes together until the finale arrives in summer 2014. Part one’s embellishments may pay off nicely, but right now, “An Unexpected Journey” looks like the start of an unnecessary trilogy better told in one film. Martin Freeman stars as homebody Bilbo, the reluctant recruit of wizard Gandalf (Ian McKellen) on a quest to retake a dwarf kingdom from a dragon. The 48-frame version offers remarkably lifelike images, but the view is almost too real at times, the crystal pictures bleaching away the painterly quality of traditional film and exposing sets and props as movie fakery.

PG-13 for extended sequences of intense fantasy action violence, and frightening images. 169 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four. — David Germain, AP Movie Writer

► **“Hyde Park on Hudson”** — Bill Murray as FDR? The casting might



This film image released by Warner Bros. shows Martin Freeman as Bilbo Baggins in a scene from the fantasy adventure “The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey.” (AP Photo/Warner Bros.)

sound weird at first. But Murray’s subtly charming presence ends up being one of the stronger elements of this otherwise lightweight romance, which depicts one of the most revered United States presidents with all the substance and insight of a lukewarm cup of tea. “Notting Hill” director Roger Michell, working from a script by Richard Nelson, depicts a brief period in the secret affair between President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his fifth cousin, Margaret Suckley — or “Daisy,” as she was known. Unflatteringly loyal, earnest and supportive, she’s also mousy, quiet and a total bore — a huge waste of the versatile and vibrant talents of Laura Linney.

The fact that Linney provides wall-to-wall voiceover doesn’t add much, as she’s stuck spelling out what should be pretty obvious on screen (“He said I helped him forget the weight of the world,” for example.) “Hyde Park on Hudson” focuses specifically on the June 1939 weekend when FDR hosted the King and Queen of England (Samuel West and Olivia Colman) at his family’s home in upstate New

York, hence the title, just as World War II was about to erupt. Michell awkwardly tries to balance both the farce of cultural clashes and the jealous tension that arises as Daisy begins to understand that she’s not the president’s only paramour. Olivia Williams brings a nonsense presence to her portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt in a “Rushmore” reunion with Murray that’s a total letdown.

R for brief sexuality. 95 minutes. One and a half stars out of four. — Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

► **“Playing for Keeps”** — This is supposed to be the time of year when high-quality movies come out, whether they’re potential Oscar contenders or crowd-pleasing family fare. So the presence of this flat, hacky, unfunny dreck — the kind of film that ordinarily tries to fly under the radar in January or February but would be torture to sit through in any month — is a total mystery. It is truly baffling that all these talented, acclaimed people actually read this script and then agreed to devote their time to this movie, especially given its uncomfortably flagrant misogynis-

tic streak. Judy Greer, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Uma Thurman couldn’t possibly need work this badly. And yet, here they are as soccer moms shamelessly throwing themselves at Gerard Butler and his tousled, manly mane. Butler, still struggling with comedy, stars as George Dryer, a once-great Scottish soccer star who’s now divorced and in financial straits.

He moves to suburban Virginia to reconnect with his ex-wife (Jessica Biel) and their young son (Noah Lomax). Naturally, a couple of things happen pretty quickly, accompanied by an intrusively jaunty score.

First, George gets suckered into coaching his kid’s soccer team. Then, the mothers of all the other 9-year-olds start brazenly hitting on him. Director Gabriele Muccino veers wildly between wacky hijinks and facile sentimentality, and Robbie Fox’s script doesn’t feature a single character who resembles an actual human being.

PG-13 for some sexual situations, language and a brief intense image. 105 minutes. Zero stars out of four. — Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

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CCCTC students donate tips toward cancer research

The Adult Education Nail Technician students at Columbiana County Career and Technical Center dedicated the month of October to Breast Cancer Awareness and donated all their tips to be used for cancer research. The students perform services for clients from 4 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the CCCTC. Shown are, front, from left, Georgette Miller, Kaylynn Keener, William Krocso, Markie Lowe, Amber Reynolds; back, from left, Jody Kireta and Instructor Pam Hilliard, (Submitted photo)



McKinley students hold Family Fun Night

Fourth grade students at McKinley Elementary School recently enjoyed a Family Fun Night. Students and their families were treated to a night of crafts and science chemistry experiments. After the experiments were demonstrated the students had the opportunity to perform them. The students and their families made pumpkin centerpieces for Thanksgiving which held messages written by family members to express their gratitude for each other. Shown are Kiana Howe and her grandfather with student McKenzie Gentry.



Heartland Christian School students raise money for school supplies

The fourth-grade classes at Heartland Christian School in Columbiana recently held a bake sale for Africa. The classes raised \$176.78 and presented a "big" check to first-grade teacher Beth Henry, to help provide school supplies to a village in Africa each year. "The school in the village will be so happy. They are in great need of new books. The money will be put to good use there," said Henry. (Submitted photo)



Students enjoyed a science experiment called Boo Bubbles. In this picture a carbon dioxide bubble was created with dry ice and warm water and dish soap. The students were surprised when the bubble burst and small fog comes out. Shown are teacher Lindsey Roush, Austin Cook and Braden Yeater.



Elephant toothpaste was another science experiment. In a water bottle hydrogen peroxide was combined with yeast, food coloring and water. The chemical reaction resulted in a rope with stripes looking like toothpaste. Shown here are Joseph Guido, Jacob Grodhaus and Alexis Gregory.



In a plate of milk, Breanna Tucker, shown, added a drop of food coloring. Then she would dip a cotton swab into soap and into the plate of milk. The color would chase the fat molecules from the milk causing a color explosion. (Submitted photos)



CCCTC hosts successful blood drive

The health academy career path at the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center hosted an American Red Cross blood drive on Oct. 26. Forty-two donations were collected, with 29 from first-time donors. The school exceeded the number of donations needed in order to qualify for a \$250 scholarship from the American Red Cross to be awarded to a health academy student during the end of year senior awards and recognition ceremony. According to the Red Cross, the donations collected at the CCCTC were enough to give 126 units to people in need of blood and/or blood products. The CCCTC will host another blood drive on March 27. Top photo, shown are American Red Cross canteen volunteers, from left, Pauline Marks and Sunny Aikers and senior Health Academy student Randi Wick from United High School. Bottom photo, senior health academy student Katelyn Davis of East Palestine High School donates blood while senior health academy student Hannah Evans of Lisbon David Anderson High School lends her a hand for support. (Submitted photos)



"Great minds have purposes; little minds have wishes. Little minds are subdued by misfortunes; great minds rise above them."

— Washington Irving, American author (1783-1859)

ROSES & THORNS

Roses to random acts of kindness. From 25 cents left in a shopping cart to \$75 pair of insulated winter boots and thermal socks. Acts of kindness this holiday season are everywhere. When the wind is blowing and the snow is falling (yes, it will and soon) and you're searching your purse or pocket for a quarter, it sure is a blessing to find a quarter deliberately left in the shopping cart by the previous shopper at an area grocery store. And haven't we all heard about New York Police Department Officer Larry DePrimo who insists he was just "doing his job" when, after discovering a barefoot and presumed homeless man in Times Square, purchased socks and boots for him? Of course it has come to light that the apparent homeless recipient of the boots in NYC is actually on the government's entitlement dole and has a place to stay. And is wearing flipflops instead of the new boots. According to an Inside Edition" report said recipient of boots: "has a government-financed apartment ... but prefers living on the streets and begging for change." But that shouldn't detract from the kindness shown by one of New York's finest. There are many, many others out there who perform good deeds around Christmas, most of them going unnoticed. In this season of hurry, hurry, hurry, go, go, go, we should all take a moment to reflect and ask ourselves, what nice thing can I do for somebody today? And there are plenty of opportunities. Try the Salvation Army, United Way, The Way Station, any area food pantries, Toys for Tots or churches who will pass along deeds of generosity.

Thorns to tragedies striking the young. Just a month ago, a precious 9-year-old life was struck down by a driver on our town's main thoroughfare. Now – as this is written – a traumatized young boy is critical in an Akron hospital. He is a victim of brutality: a shooting victim who likely witnessed the shooting death of a grandmother who was helping to raise him. All of this while his bio mother is serving a murder sentence in the killing of another child. Bio dad too was behind bars when the shootings occurred. What a heart-wrenching shame all of this is. God bless that little guy and his sisters who have to live with all that happened.

Thorns to drivers who don't obey traffic laws and sheer courtesies when driving within the confines of a business property and parking lot. Walmart, for instance, clearly has interval stop signs placed in front of its stores. Still there are those who ignore them, putting pedestrians at risk. We had a police report of a rage incident happening at the Salem Walmart over someone failing to stop for a pedestrian. Sometimes it feels as if you are playing dodge ball with 2-ton vehicles when walking through the expansive parking lots of big box stores and malls. Someone is going to get hurt. We've had enough vehicle/pedestrian tragedies.

Roses to the West Branch girls basketball team. The Warriors under head coach Walt DeShields are unbeaten and the best girls team in our entire area. This past Wednesday, they scored a big road win over another local powerhouse, Canfield, which eliminated the Warriors in last season's district title game. West Branch is poised to have a memorable season. It will be fun to follow.

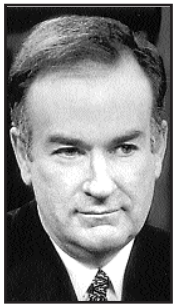
Thorns to punks making/leaving bombs threats and such at nearby East Liverpool and Beaver Local high schools. Forget any attempts to dismiss it as juvenile humor and hijinks. In this day and age, such threats are indeed forms of terrorism. They should be taken seriously and are. Consequently, school days and the learning process is interrupted. Valuable time of responding safety forces is also wasted. There is always the copycat effect. When caught, those involved should be fully charged as adult criminals instead of getting a proverbial wrist slap. Staunch legal process reaction would serve as a deterrent.

Roses to a resurgence (well, sort of) of the Cleveland Browns. They take on Kansas City today which means they will be facing an ex-head coach, ex-offensive coordinator, ex-starting quarterback and ex-malcontent running back all on the same afternoon. Should be fun to watch if it is indeed locally carried. That wasn't the case last week for many chagrined Browns fans who didn't get to see a win over the Raiders but had a choice of what channel to watch the dreaded Steelers on. Not that any Browns fan would've wanted to.

Roses for live nativity scenes during the holiday, nah, make that the Christmas season.



Bonding, 50 years later



BILL O'REILLY

If you really want to understand the vast changes that have occurred in America over the past 50 years, all you have to do is watch James Bond. Back in 1962, the first Bond movie, "Dr. No," was released, catapulting Sean Connery to international stardom. Even President Kennedy expressed admiration for Ian Fleming's fictional British secret agent.

Connery's Bond was ultra-suave but amazingly politically incorrect. The guy smoked constantly, drank, gambled and womanized without remorse. He was a rogue and couldn't care less what anyone thought. He was also brutal, liberally exercising his license to kill in the cause of justice, of course.

Now we live in a new age, and we have a different James Bond: Daniel Craig. His Bond is a much more sensitive soul than was Connery's. In the 23rd Bond film, "Skyfall," Craig rarely smiles, goes about his business with grim determination and looks like he's in the gym quite often. While Connery's Bond spent his spare time chasing ladies and drinking martinis, Craig's is apparently training for the triathlon.

However, the biggest difference between Connery and Craig is that the former seemed to be having fun racing around the world doing the bidding of the British government. Craig does not seem to be having a lot of laughs. In fact, Craig is a major brooder, and so is his boss, played by Judi Dench. Watching these two have a conversation is like watching Dr. Phil yell at some guy who just abandoned his family.

Nevertheless, "Skyfall" is a huge moneymaker, especially overseas. The formula is this: Blow things up every 10 minutes. It's kinda like the old Elvis movies where The King broke into song every eight minutes no matter what was happening in the storyline. They needed to fill up an album, so Elvis sang on cue.

Perhaps the biggest difference between "Dr. No" and "Skyfall" is the subordinate casting. Ursula Andress was the femme fatale in "Dr. No." She spent the entire film in a bikini except for about three minutes when she wore a robe. Ursula, a Swiss actress, did not say very much. But she liked James; that much was clear.

The ladies in "Skyfall" also like James. I think. But they were shuttled in and out of the film so quickly, it was hard to tell. Dealing with the opposite sex cuts into Craig's brooding time, and we can't have that.

Also, the villains say something about our changing world. Joseph Wiseman played "Dr. No." Yes, he was a mean guy, but he wasn't very menacing. The worst thing he did was give a henchman a tarantula to put in Bond's bed. That could never happen today because PETA would picket.

In "Skyfall," Javier Bardem is the bad guy, and the script implies that he may be gay. But it's not really clear. What is certain is that Javier is a computer wiz bent on killing Dench. While Dr. No wanted to dominate space, Bardem simply wants a little revenge for a past slight, a hallmark of many bloggers.

My sentiment lies with Connery. Craig is better than Pierce Brosnan, but he doesn't have Connery's charisma. The old guy wins.

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Gitmo North returns: Obama's shady prison deal



MICHELLE MALKIN

If you thought President Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder had given up on closing Guantanamo Bay and bringing jihadists to American soil, think again. Two troubling developments on the Gitmo front should have every American on edge.

The first White House maneuver took place in October, while much of the public and the media were preoccupied with election news. On Oct. 2, Obama's cash-strapped Illinois pals announced that the federal government bought out the Thomson Correctional Center in western Illinois for \$165 million. According to Watchdog.org, a recent appraisal put the value of the facility at \$220 million.

Democratic Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin led the lobbying campaign for the deal, along with Illinois Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn, who is overseeing an overall \$43 billion state budget deficit and scraping for every available penny. The Thomson campus has been an empty Taj Mahal for more than a decade because profligate state officials had no money for operations. Economic development gurus (using the same phony math of federal stimulus peddlers) claim the newly federalized project will bring in \$1 billion.

Durbin told a local Illinois paper that "the decision to move ahead came directly from President Barack Obama" and that he had secured the green light during a discussion on Air Force One earlier in the spring. But this gift to Obama's Illinois homeboys wasn't just a run-of-the-mill campaign favor. Obama's unilateral and unprecedented decision steamrolled over bipartisan congressional opposition to the purchase. That opposition dates back to 2009, when the White House first floated the idea of using Thomson to house jihadi enemy combatants detained in Cuba. As you may recall, the scheme caused a national uproar. Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee overseeing the Justice Department's budget, blocked the administration from using unspent DOJ funds for the deal. With bipartisan support, Congress passed a law barring the transfer of Gitmo detainees to Thomson or any other civilian prison.

The message was clear: Taxpayers don't want manipulative Gitmo detainees or their three-ring circuses of transnationalist sympathizers and left-wing lawyers on American soil. Period.

But when this imperial presidency can't get its way in the court of public opinion, it simply circumvents the deliberative process. As Wolf noted: The shady deal "directly violates the clear objection of the House Appropriations Committee and goes against the bipartisan objections of members in the House and Senate, who have noted that approving this request would allow Thomson to take precedence over previously funded prisons in Alabama, Mississippi, West Virginia and New Hampshire."

Obama and his Illinois gang insist that Thomson will not become Gitmo North. But denial is more than a river in the Muslim Brotherhood's homeland.

The 9/11 Families for a Safe and Strong America, which spearheaded the movement against shipping jihadi detainees to the mainland, exposed the fine print of the Obama DOJ's deal with the state of Illinois. The purpose of the Thomson facility acquisition, according to the DOJ notice filed in the D.C. courts, included this clause:

"... as well as to provide humane and secure confinement of individuals held under authority of any Act of Congress, and such other persons as in the opinion of the Attorney General of the United States are proper subjects for confinement in such institutions."

Guess whom that covers? Yup: Gitmo detainees, who are being held under the 2001 congressional act known as the Authorization for Use of Military Force.

Now, bear all this in mind as you consider the second and more recent Gitmo gambit. On Wednesday, in response to a whistleblowing report from Fox News homeland security reporter Catherine Herridge, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., released a General Accounting Office report exploring the feasibility of transferring the Gitmo gang to civilian prisons.

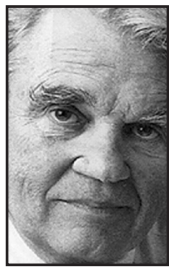
Lo and behold, Feinstein concluded, the report "demonstrates that if the political will exists, we could finally close Guantanamo without imperiling our national security."

The "political will" does not exist now, nor has it ever. But thanks to Obama's sneaky, back-door misappropriation of government funds to buy Thomson, the feds have exactly what they need to fulfill the progressive-in-chief's Gitmo closure promise: a shiny, turnkey palace in crony land tailor-made for union workers, lawyers and terror plotters to call their new home.

When the War on Terror meets the Chicago Way, we all pay.

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Warning: Antiques can be addicting



Classic Andy Rooney

(This classic column was originally published Oct. 9, 1987.)

It seems like there are more antique dealers than plumbers, and the supply of dealers far exceeds the dwindling number of antiques left for them to sell.

Normal laws of supply and demand are not working and whole families are being destroyed by antiqueaholics who can't pass an antique sign without stopping to squander their paychecks.

Meanwhile, at home, there's nothing left in the refrigerator for the wife and kiddies to eat. The antique business should be put under the scrutiny of a federal agency. As things stand now, antique dealers are out of control.

We have a Department of Agriculture, but there are more people in the antique business than there are farmers. We have a Department of Labor, but there are more antique dealers in the average small town than there are people doing anything you could call hard work.

While I'm not normally in favor of more government control, I concede that there are areas of commerce that need to be watched. Who among us would say the stock exchange doesn't need watching by the Securities and Exchange Commission?

There are striking similarities between the people who sell stocks and the people who sell antiques. They all have to be watched.

A broker, for example, is apt to have his best stocks in his own portfolio, and an antique dealer often keeps his real treasures in his own living room. Antique dealers need a watchdog for their own good and for ours.

I've screamed to a halt as many as 5,000 times in my life as I've caught a sidelong glance at a sign that read, "Antiques." I've backed up in the face, or tail of, oncoming traffic and pulled into a driveway with high expectations of finding a Tiffany lamp for \$75 or a Philadelphia highboy for \$350, only to be confronted with the tattered remains of a few family possessions that J.C. Penney wouldn't have given shelf space 25 years ago. What had been advertised as antiques don't comprise the elements of a good garage sale.

At least 25 percent of the time, the sign advertising "Antiques" by the side of the road was put there by the former owners of the house and never taken down by the new occupants, who are not in the antique business.

If the business does still exist, it doesn't exist the day you stop. The shopkeepers are not tending the shop when you arrive in their driveway. I'm a one-man study in how little negative experiences like this dampen the human spirit when it wants to believe what's been proven time and again to be untrue.

My state government has made it mandatory for me to protect myself from injury in an auto accident by wearing a seat belt. If the government is going to get into that business, it ought to also give me some help restraining myself with antiques.

The city government of New York has methadone programs designed to help drug users end their addiction, but it offers nothing comparable for antique addicts. At every border, there are guards and customs agents searching our cars, our luggage and our person for controlled substances which they confiscate and burn. Yet, boxcars loaded with antiques from England, France and even China are brought into this country daily and get little more than a wave from our border defenders.

The federal government compels tobacco companies to label each pack of cigarettes a danger to the smoker's health. Why don't antiques carry comparable labels? Warning: Antiques may be addictive and hazardous to your financial health.

What makes any government think that a controlled substance destroys more minds than antiques? Why is it assumed that alcohol breaks up more marriages than antiques?

We're dealing here with a problem that has existed since genuine antiques became virtually extinct in this country, circa 1950.

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Stirrings of secession felt throughout the South



PAT BUCHANAN

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another ..."

So begins the Declaration of Independence of the 13 colonies from the king and country to which they had given allegiance since the settlers first came to Jamestown and Plymouth Rock.

The declaration was signed by 56 angry old white guys who had had enough of what the Cousins were doing to them. In seceding from the mother country, these patriots put their lives, fortunes and honor on the line.

Four score and five years later, 11 states invoked the same right "to dissolve the political bands" of the Union and form a new nation. After 620,000 had perished, the issue of a state's right to secede was settled at Appomattox. If that right had existed, it no longer did.

What are we to make, then, of petitions from 25,000 citizens of each of seven Southern states — 116,000 from Texas alone — to secede?

While no one takes this movement as seriously as men took secession in 1861, the sentiments behind it ought not to be minimized. For they bespeak a bristling hostility to the federal government and a dislike bordering on detestation of some Americans for other Americans, as deep as it was on the day Beauregard's guns fired on Fort Sumter.

Our Pledge of Allegiance still speaks of "one nation under God, indivisible," but that is far from the reality in the America of 2012.

The social, cultural, moral and political revolutions of the 1960s, against which Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan inveighed to win their 49-state triumphs, have now captured half of the country.

One America believes our history is a catalog of crimes against people of color, that women have an inviolable right to abortions, that condoms should be handed out to sexually active teens in schools where Darwinism should be taught as revealed truth, while Bibles, prayers and religious symbols should be permanently expelled.

The other America sees all this as

unpatriotic, godless and decadent.

One America believes in equality of rights; the other demands equality of results brought about through the redistribution of income and wealth, affirmative action, racial and gender set-asides, and quotas.

One America believes in gun control; the other in gun rights.

Now that Christmas and Easter have been expunged from public schools and the public square and the popular culture has been thoroughly de-Christianized, we Americans seem to have but one holy day of obligation that brings us all together: Super Bowl Sunday.

Where one America divinizes diversity, the other seeks out our lost unity and community. Half the country pays no federal income taxes, but half depends on federal benefits.

The occasions when we come together as one, as after 9/11 and during natural disasters such as Katrina and Sandy, seem few and farther between, and the resurrected unity rarely lasts.

Could today's America come together to build an interstate highway system or send astronauts to the moon, as we did just seven years after John Glenn first orbited the Earth?

Environmentalists would have

killed Ike's highway system and the Hoover and Grand Coulee dams, as today they seek to stop the fracking for oil and natural gas and block the Keystone XL pipeline.

As for states seceding, however, is that really a solution to national disintegration? Tens of millions with Blue State mindsets live in Red State America, and vice versa.

While folks in Texas may talk of seceding from the Union, folks in Austin talk of seceding from Texas.

Yet we should take seriously what is behind this desire to separate and sever ties, for it mirrors what is happening across our civilization.

The West is decomposing.

British Tories seek to cut ties to the European Union. Scots want to leave Britain. Catalans vote to divorce from Spain, to which they have been wedded since the 15th century. Flemish talk of leaving Walloons behind in Belgium.

Northern Europeans are weary of carrying their profligate southern brethren and muse about cutting Greece adrift and letting it float out into the Mediterranean.

And Americans are already seceding from one another — ethnically, culturally, politically.

Middle-class folks flee high-tax California, as Third World immigrants, legal and illegal, pour in to partake

of the cornucopia of social welfare benefits the Golden Land dispenses.

High-tax states like New York now send tens of thousands of pension checks to Empire State retirees in tax-free Florida. Communities of seniors are rising that look like replicas of the suburbs of the 1950s. People gravitate toward their own kind. Call it divorce, American-style.

What author William Bishop called "The Big Sort" — the sorting out of people by political beliefs — proceeds. Eighteen states have gone Democratic in six straight presidential elections. A similar number have gone Republican.

"Can we all just get along?" asked Rodney King during the Los Angeles riot of 1992. Well, if we can't, we can at least dwell apart.

After all, it's a big country.

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YOUR SIDE

THE READERS TAKE OVER

SPAN Ohio endorses full Medicaid expansion

To the editor:

Ohio lawmakers are currently debating expanding the state's Medicaid program for those with low incomes, as all states are encouraged but not required to do under the Affordable Care Act.

Unless Ohio enacts the full expansion of Medicaid by 2014, many low income Ohioans will have no health coverage. As Americans, we care about each other and we must advocate for policies that promote the public good. Medicaid expansion is critical to that common good.

Many people think that if you are poor enough, you get Medicaid, but that isn't always true. Non-disabled adults without children are generally excluded from Medicaid, no matter how little they make. Many of those eligible for the Medicaid expansion are employed in low paying jobs without health insurance, and their unreimbursed care is a cost driver for everyone. We must expand coverage to those who are eligible under the Affordable Care Act.

Across the globe, only universal coverage systems control health care costs. Absent comprehensive reform, expanding Medicaid will reduce the costs shifted to those who are insured when physicians and hospitals provide unreimbursed care.

SPAN Ohio supports comprehensive reform by expanding an improved Medicare to all Americans. Until this is a reality, the full expansion of Medicaid is a moral necessity and we endorse the full expansion of Medicaid to 138 percent of the federal poverty level allowed under the Affordable Care Act.

There is no doubt that Medicaid saves lives. States that have expanded Medicaid have a seen a 6 percent decrease in death rates. It is easy to dismiss those who die nameless and faceless, but they are someone's son or daughter, mother or father.

Every 1,000 uninsured Ohioans results in a death due to lack of care. Across America, every year, deaths from lack of insurance exceed all the American deaths in the Vietnam War. This is morally unacceptable.

DEBORAH SILVERSTEIN, State Director, SPAN Ohio, Kent

violence or neglect won't just go away. In fact, unaddressed, such a desire to act violently will intensify. It is documented that over 70 percent of the time, an animal abuser will go on to commit acts of human violence and/or commit crimes against property.

The media reported that in Columbiana County, in 2012 alone, a young defenseless calf was set on fire and a chained beagle beaten to death by a human. Near Salineville a dog was hanged from a tree and two more dogs shot in the face and dumped. What does this say about your community? Is your pet or property next?

The media did not report hundreds of other cases of abuse, neglect and abandonment addressed by the Humane Society of Columbiana County (HSCC) in 2012 including starved and emaciated horses and the dog abused during a domestic violence dispute or the cat rescued by a boy in spite of an adult's order not to. But HSCC knows about them thanks to concerned citizens who to made the decision to make the call.

The Humane Society of Columbiana County provides a service to your community to the tune of responding to over 70 calls about irregular or concerning human behavior per month.

As your local law enforcement responds to calls from citizens about crime against people, the trained and court sworn humane agents respond to concerns about actions toward animals. Calls of concern about pets in East Liverpool tops the list followed by Salem, Lisbon, Columbiana and every single community in our county.

Does this service provided by HSCC have value to you? If you say yes, then you need to donate and support this local non-profit organization which advocates for not only animals but for other victims of abuse.

Contrary to popular belief, HSCC is not a county agency and does not receive one dollar of taxpayer or governmental funding. Please share this information. Our greatness as a community will increase as our tolerance of violence decreases. To find out more about "The Link" between animal abuse and human abuse or to arrange a speaker for your group or organization or to report abuse, please contact HSCC at 330-332-2600.

JENNY PIKE, Butler Township

tration is doing. Whether blind or not, Obama's "religion" is coming out strong in the form of Obamacare.

Since when is it right to make a religious group pay for a tax, such as abortion or contraceptive pills, when they clearly stand against it? Is it ethical to make Christians pay for something that is clearly unethical? Of course not! This is nothing short of hogwash and an attack against religious beliefs. Such an attack is not only unethical but anti-American.

Where is America without true freedom? So may I suggest that Americans ask the question, "Where is freedom going?" Where freedom goes, America follows! If we don't turn things around and get back our freedom then we lose America and the foundation that gave us freedom.

MATTHEW DAVIS, Salem

McGuire's say thank you for benefit dinner

To the editor:

We would like to say thank you to each and everyone that participated in the benefit dinner in our behalf. We would like to give a special thanks to the Winona Friends Church for the use of their facilities and their staff that worked so hard. The Trinity church that gave so much of their time to help make it so successful. All our friends and relatives. Thank you so much, the proceeds have been such a big help. God bless each and everyone of you.

JUNIOR and LINDA McGUIRE, Hanoverton

Strongly feels that there is too much TV violence

To the editor:

I strongly believe that there is too much violence on TV. First of all, kids learn bad things because there is so much violence on TV and they think it's OK to do those things since people on TV are doing it.

A second reason is that, some people that watch violent TV become violent themselves and that becomes a big problem. The most important reason is that, violent TV encourages people with guns to use them wrongly. Therefore in conclusion I think there is too much violence on TV.

KALEB DAY, Salem

Abuse is not an animal but a people problem

To the editor:

Why is it that in our society, when abuse occurs, the first thought that comes to mind is "What did the victim do to deserve it?"

In the case of rape, we ask what was the woman wearing. In the case of child abuse, what did the child do to push the adult to that extreme action. The playground or workplace bully hands out his abuse because his victims are weak or "different." Right? How ridiculous is this mentality? Isn't the abuser the problem?

Such is the case with animal abuse and neglect. Every citizen needs to understand that animal abuse is not an animal problem, it is a people problem. A person is behind both human and animal abuse and neglect.

The true cause behind an act of

Freedom in America has turned on itself

To the editor:

It is striking how much a pendulum can swing! At one time, Americans were free to do what they felt was proper and right with the assurance of justice and protection.

The American goal of freedom had reached its peak, and America stood with unwavering loyalty to her people.

Then the unthinkable happened. Freedom, the strength of America, turned against itself. Americans have pushed for freedom so much that we have gotten our freedom to be free of freedom. What's that mean? Take religion for example: Each religion is free to practice its own beliefs. It may be the belief of one religion to force their beliefs on another religion. A prime example of this is what the Obama adminis-

Empty gun dorm sends message



LEONARD PITTS

Young people are not exactly renowned for their judgment.

We are, after all, talking about an age group that has to be told it is a bad idea to text while doing 70. Or drink alcohol till it spews from your nostrils. Or wear a T-shirt and flip-flops to interview for the office job.

So no, judgment is not their forte. Yet even they have enough sense to steer clear of the gun dorm.

You haven't heard about the gun dorm? Well, back in August, the University of Colorado announced it was segregating students with valid concealed-carry permits in dorms of their own on its campuses in Boulder and Colorado Springs.

This, after the state Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling that struck down the school's ban on people bringing guns on campus.

So now, a student 21 years or older who has a permit may be armed in the dorm or even in class, though not, for some reason, at a school event requiring a ticket.

Recently, the Denver Post decided to count the number of young gunslingers who wanted to live among their own. How many kids had rushed to take advantage of this opportunity?

Let's just say there is not a waiting list. The Post reports the number of kids who opted for the gun dorm is zero. A big, fat goose egg.

The paper speculated on a few reasons for this: maybe there are not enough students with carry permits who live on campus; maybe students with such permits find it more convenient just to sneak their guns into the old dorm.

OK. But isn't it also possible at least some of this preference for un-leaded dorms reflects a happy outbreak of simple sanity? Is it too much to hope at least some students recognize — as the court did not — that an environment full of immature judgment, poor impulse control, overactive hormones, sexual rivalries, drug use and binge drinking is perhaps, not the best place to introduce weapons of mass destruction?

One keeps thinking that surely there has to be some middle ground

that balances the rights of responsible adults to own firearms, with the need of a society to ensure that people who ought not have access to them are denied.

But we will never get there so long as the debate is dominated by the sort of extremism Colorado exemplifies.

As has happened with conservatism generally, the gun rights movement has lurched hard to the right in recent years, has alienated reason, ostracized compromise and fetishized guns and gun ownership to a point that seems psychologically unhealthy.

What was once a campaign to ensure the right of people to bear arms has mutated into a campaign to ensure guns at all times for everybody everywhere and to smack down those who would seek to ban them, even from places where banning them makes obvious sense.

In Georgia, for instance, they've been arguing over whether or not to allow guns in churches.

In Arizona, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia, you can bring a gun into a bar.

And now, in Colorado, where a deranged man shot up a movie theater in July, and two disaffected teenagers broke the nation's heart with a 1999 massacre at their high school, they say it's OK to bring guns into the dorm.

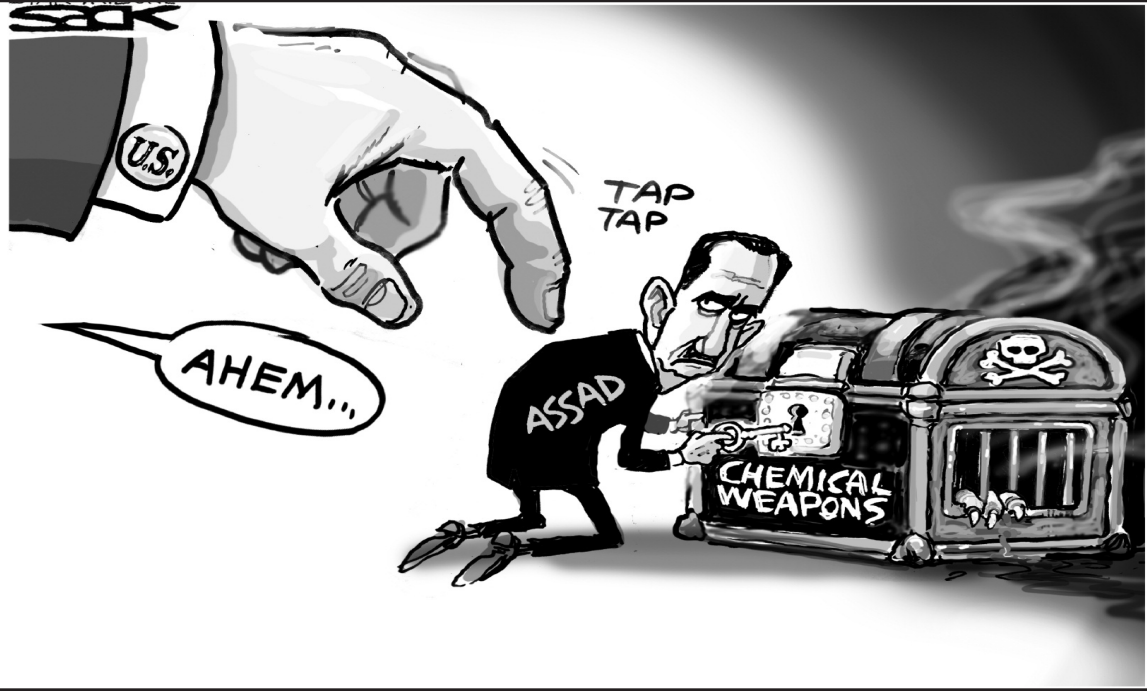
An armed citizenry will help deter crime, goes the "thinking." As if we were all living on the set of some old TV western.

But this is not "Bonanza." This is a nation where shell casings crunch underfoot, children and the mentally ill have guns, and there have been, according to the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, 60 mass shootings just since the attack on Gabrielle Giffords in 2011. You do not solve a problem of too many guns in the wrong hands with a policy of guns at all times for everybody, everywhere.

Maybe that's the message of the empty gun dorm. And that suggests pretty good judgment after all.

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ENGAGEMENTS/WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations from the Salem News!



Beth Anne Shasteen becomes bride of Jacob Tyler Bender

Beth Anne Shasteen and Jacob Tyler Bender were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony at 4 p.m. Sept. 22 in the gazebo in Firestone Park in Columbiana.

The bride is the daughter of Eric and Michelle Shasteen of Salem. The bridegroom's parents are Samuel and Ginger Bender, also of Salem. Jessica Moser of Pittsburgh, Pa., was the maid of honor.

Jason Stewart of Minneapolis, Minn., served as best man.

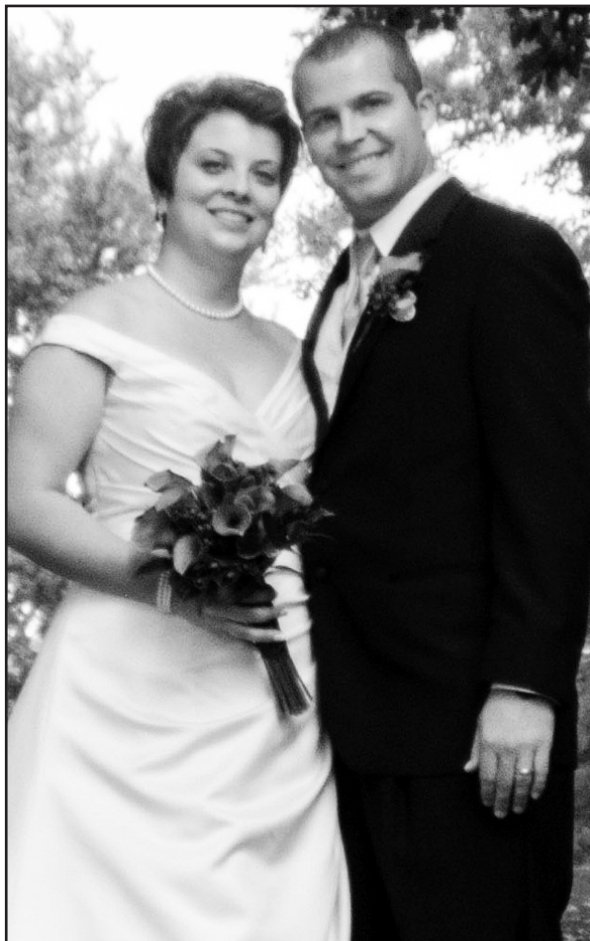
A private reception followed the ceremony at Das Dutch Haus.

The couple is planning a spring honeymoon to the Caribbean.

The new Mrs. Bender is employed as a substitute teacher in the Columbus area.

Mr. Bender works as a scientist at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals.

The couple currently resides in Columbus.



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tyler Bender

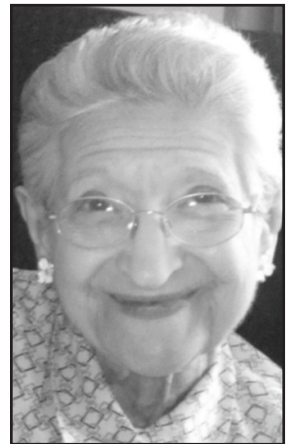
Theresa Ciricosta Fithian to celebrate 90th birthday

A family dinner party is planned to celebrate the 90th birthday of Theresa Ciricosta Fithian on Dec. 15. A resident of The Courtyard at Lexington in Salem, Mrs. Fithian is a lifelong resident of Salem, having graduated from Salem High School in 1940.

Mrs. Fithian married John H. Fithian in 1947 and together they operated Fithian Typewriter Sales and Service. She has five children: Dr. Rosemary (Jay) Fithian-Guruswamy

of Radford, Va.; Mr. John (Cathie) Fithian of Navarre, Ohio; Mrs. Maryellen (Robert) Clutter of Salem; Ms. Molly Wol-ski, of Holland, Mich.; and Mr. Richard Fithian of Salem. She also has 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Theresa is a parishioner of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Salem, where she was a Eucharistic Minister and Lector. She has given many years of volunteer service to the church. She is a member and past



Theresa Ciricosta Fithian

president of L.C.B.A., Catholic Daughters of America, Church Women United and The Salem Book Club.

Salem veteran speaks at Veterans Day ceremony

Dr. Michael J. Traina, a U.S. Army veteran, was the guest speaker at the Crossroads at Beaver Creek assisted living facility's Veterans Day celebration Nov. 13.

A combat medic, Traina began serving in 1958. He was deployed for the Berlin Wall in 1961 and the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. Later he was a training sergeant for future medics during the Vietnam Era. He has two honorable discharges and two commendations.

Former Columbiana County commissioner Penny J. Traina is the executive director of the Beaver Creek facility. The two are not related.



Schoolhouse Stitchers to hold Christmas Dinner

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP— Goshen Township's Schoolhouse Stitchers' Christmas Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 in the Old Living Room at Salem Hills Golf and Country Club for those who have signed up. The dinner will be ordered from the menu. Attendees are asked to bring a favor such as ornament or small item or baked good to give to another member. The program will be a show and tell by each member of a Christ-

mas project, small item or explanation of their favor. There will not be afternoon sewing at the Stitchers Clubhouse on Dec. 13.

Stitchers is open to anyone who would like to share ideas and learn about quilting on any level. The group meets the second Thursday of each month at 13991 state Route 165 in the little schoolhouse east of the administration building. Gathering begins at 2 p.m., if desired, and meetings begin at 7 p.m.

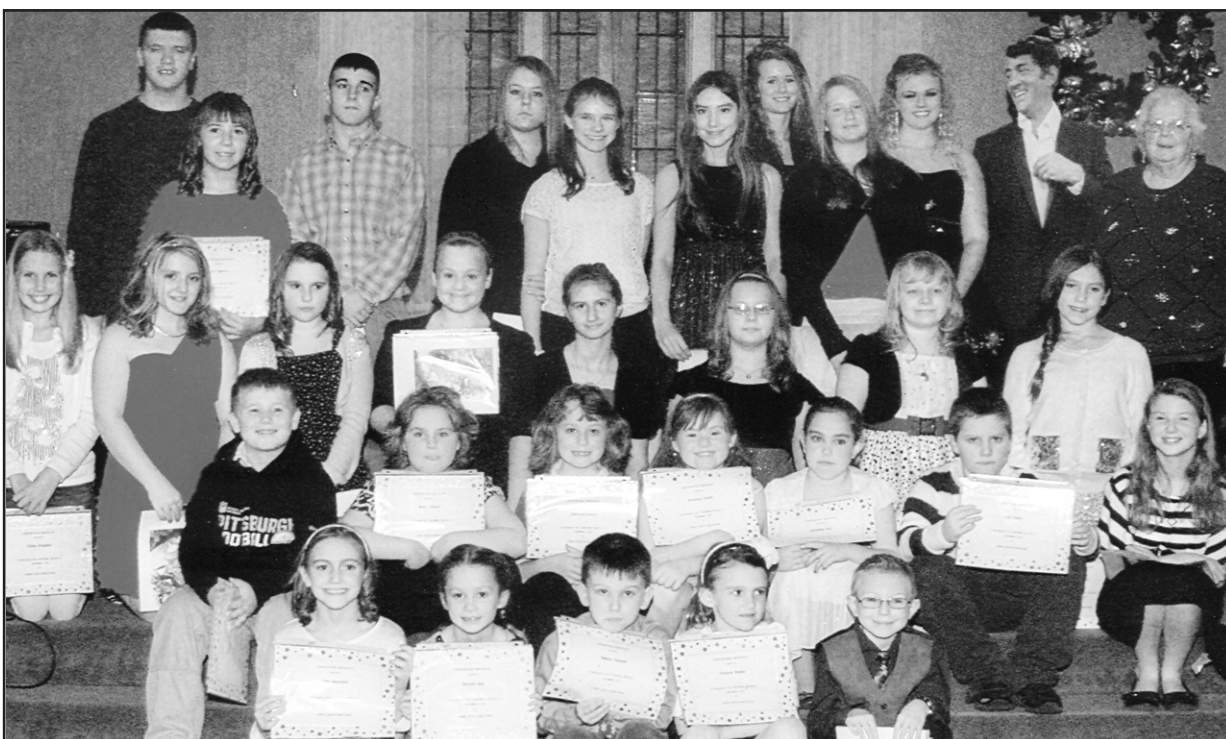
American Legion 290 to hold 'Gift for Yanks' dinner

COLUMBIANA— The American Legion Post 290, 44403 state Route 14, will hold a "Gift for Yanks" dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 10 at the post home.

The dinner will consist of cabbage roll, parsley potatoes, green beans, dessert and

your choice of coffee or tea. There is no fixed charge for the dinner, instead the post is asking for donations.

All donations will benefit the "Gift for Yanks" program. The Public is invited to attend.



Voice and piano students present Christmas recital

Students of Lynne's Voice & Piano Studio in Winona held their Christmas recital Dec. 1 at the Winona United Methodist Church. Front row, from left, Ellie Marhefka, Hannah Egli, Nathan Franklin, Victoria Robbe, Kaleb Shinn; second row, Christian Chappell, Molly Gibson, Billie Sue Gibson, Breeanna Smith, Rebekka Hall, Colin Wells, Kaylie Shinn; third row, Chloe Chappell, Jenna Reiter, Katelyn Hut-ton, Dominique Costarella, Emily Tedrow, Katie Chludzinski, Madelyn Wells; fourth row, Juli Spencer, Lindsey Chludzinski, Sophia Wells, Megan Drake; fifth row, Adam Barkley, Chase Reiter, Lindsay West, Haley Drake, Rachel Lawlis, "Dean Martin" and Mrs. Lynne Hartough. Not pictured are Nick Chappell and Molly Frantz. (Submitted photo)

Local historian develops military game

LEETONIA — Local historian Paul Rohrbaugh has a military strategy game posted on the journal Foreign Policy website. He was contacted by Foreign Policy author Michael Peck after he discovered Rohrbaugh's game "War With a Vengeance" dealing with the V-1 campaign during World War II and compared it to the recent crisis between Israel and Hamas-controlled Gaza. That article can be viewed here:

<http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/11/20/israel-2012-vs-london-1944>. Email discussions between the two resulted in the prototype solitaire play board game titled "A Reign of Missiles: the Gaza Missile Crisis, November 2012" being created and posted on the journal's website. Readers can download the files for the solitaire play game from here:

<http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/11/27/launch-your-own-gaza-war> Those who do so and play the game can post comments and suggestions about the game as well as the events in the Middle East that are affected by the crisis. This use of a board game by the journal Foreign Policy to encourage learning and understanding of recent events is the first-ever such endeavor by that publication.

Rohrbaugh has designed and used games throughout his 32-year teaching career. He has published over 100 board games, received two Charles S. Roberts Awards for game design and development, as well as presented on the design and use of board games in the classroom at numerous conferences, among them ones at Braunfels, Germany and the College of Graduate Studies in History at the King's College of London. Rohrbaugh also founded his own game publishing business, High Flying Dice Games, writes and presents upon numerous topics in local history.

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LHS '72 holds reunion

The Leetonia High School Class of 1972 held its 40-year reunion on Nov. 10 at the St. Patrick Parish Center in Leetonia. Pictured are, first row, from left, Marcia Orr Duko, Jeff McCallister, Nick DiCross, Terry Dattilio, Jeff Kiliany, Joe Leone, Kathy Woods McGath, second row, Rich Hoperich, Gery Sevenich, John Bell, Larry Duko, Gene Nicotera, Brian Perry, August Cerrone, Molly Snow Grubbs, John Chamberlain, Dodie Woods Nicotera, Cheri DiPanfilo Taylor, Marianne Fraser Norris, Joanne Kiliany Bogdan. (Submitted photo)

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS
EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND MORE...

No December meeting for SHS '47

SALEM— The Salem High School Class of 1947 will not meet for breakfast in December.

Historical society plans Christmas meal

COLUMBIANA— Local singing artist Natalie Sprouse will present a program of Christmas music from early movies at the Historical Society of Columbiana and Fairfield Township's annual Christmas dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at Das Dutch Haus restaurant. Social time will begin at 6 p.m. Jim Couchenour will accompany Sprouse on the keyboard.

Sprouse won the 2011 De Yor Singing Star contest and just recently sang with the Youngstown Symphony along with renowned guitarist Bill Keagy. She has also appeared in Easy Street Productions, The Salem Community Theater and Mainstreet Theater in Columbiana.

Reservations for the dinner should be made by Dec. 10 to Treasurer Mary Louise Dicken at 330-482-2589.



Natalie Sprouse

Salem UCT to meet for dinner

SALEM— The Salem United Commercial Travelers Council #590 will meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Perkins Restaurant. The business session will immediately follow.

Kaiser/National past workers to meet

SALEM— Kaiser/National retirees and past employees will meet for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Thursday at Adele's Place.

TOPS 777 recognizes weight loss

SALEM— TOPS 777 recently met, opened by Linda Evanoff, who also led the pledge. Best Losses went to Pat Sheen, Mabel Pasco and Susan Wendell. Kop of the Week went to Frances Valentino. Other winners included Brenda Adams, runner-up for best loser of the month; Shirley Johns, Kop of the month, Kop at goal or below for the month and Special Award; Joann Sanor, Backslider Award; and Carol Oliver, best loser of the month. For the program, members read tips on weight loss provided by Evanoff and tops for holiday easting without weight gain provided by Evanoff from TOPS Magazine. The inspiration was "Celebrate a New You."

Historical society plans open house

LEETONIA— The Leetonia/Salem Township Historical Society will host a Christmas Open House at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Leetonia Community Public Library. The program will feature the St. Paul Lutheran Church Bell Ringers.

4-H Scouts hold Christmas party

NEW WATERFORD— The 4-H Scouts met recently and held their annual Christmas party. All members brought non-perishable food items to be donated to the 4 C's pantry. Also discussed were the Christmas Angels that they will be shopping for.

The next meeting will be at 6 pm Jan. 6 at the St. Jacobs United Church of Christ. Members are reminded that enrollment forms will be filled out and new officers will be nominated.

R-Weigh groups enjoy Christmas party

SALEM— The R-Weigh weight groups met Monday at 1 and 5 p.m. at the Faith Chapel Church, reporting 24 pounds lost for the week. The good loser for the week was Marian Long and the goalies were Linda Lude and Ruth Miller. Eleanor Billet and Marlene Shirilla received the birthday monetary awards. Angie Reichle won the Turkey contest for the goal members. Carol Held and Lude auctioned off play money items at the night group.

The day group enjoyed their Christmas party organized by Sue Carver, Judy Catlett and Sandy McGarr. Members were given a handmade photo ornament, snowman ornament and a Christmas gift. Evelyn Peters was the winner of the guessing game and received that item. Helen Baker, Patty Mills and Catlett won the centerpieces.

Members enjoyed a gift exchange with Sylvia Eller taking the number one gift. A fruit basket was presented to Gerry Heffinger, the leader of the group. Members ended the party singing Christmas carols.

The afternoon group will have a play money auction Monday, buying the items with a play dollar for each pound they lost from January through November. The evening members are encouraged to attend the Monday meeting for an important discussion session.

2013 SCC Women's Night Out set

SALEM— Sponsorship, advertising and vendor tables are now available for those who participated in the 2012 Salem Community Center Women's Night Out. The fourth annual event will be held on Wednesday, March 20. New participants may register beginning Jan. 2. Vendor space may be limited by product. For information call 330-332-5885 or stop by the SCC Front Desk.

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DURING THE CIVIL WAR

With the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Salem Historical Society would like to recall our local activities during the years, 1861-1865. At the same time, we would like to learn stories of local citizens. If you have a story or photo you could share with us, we would be appreciative. You can contact the Salem Historical Society at 330-337-8514 or TheSalemHistoricalSociety@gmail.com if you have items of interest for display.

September 1862 (Part III)

[We again refer to the letters written home by Salem 19 year-old private, William G. Bentley as published in the book titled, "Burning Rails as We Pleased", published by members of his family in 2004. He had just enlisted a

month before for 100 day service. (This book is available at the Salem Historical Society book store.))

Camp near Newport, KY
Sept. 5th1862

...I wrote to you just before we left Camp Massillon [Ohio]...we left 3rdday about 10 o'ck and came on to Columbus without changing cars. Instead of stopping as we expected we were ordered on to Cincinnati....We got into Cincinnati just after daylight, got out of the car and marched through the street just above the wharf....We were all tired and hungry as we had nothing to eat except what we brought in our haversacks from Camp Massillon and some crackers that the Captain bought for us....We found that we couldn't get any breakfast in Cincinnati as they marched us right down to the wharf and on to a boat and took us over to the other side of Covington which is a very pretty place of about 30,000 inhabitants.

The folks around here [Covington] are generally very kind to us. They give us flour and milk. Thought I hardly

think that it is a kindness after all, as there are a good many boys sick from eating, thought I have been careful not to eat too freely and I haven't been sic at all since we came here. We have plenty to eat her, crackers, pork and lots of coffee. The crackers are good and hard. The pork is fat and I don't eat much of it. We drink the coffee altogether, mainly as the water isn't good....

Camp near Fort Mitchell, KY
Sept 13th1862

...We are camped near the residence of Col. Buckman (rebel), it is a splendid place or rather has been. The furniture is almost entirely destroyed or carried off. What is left is the finest I ever saw. Elegant sofas, bureaus, bedsteads, chairs, etc. Thee asks whether we get to hear the news, Mother. We don't see a paper once a week scarcely and don't know what is going on within a mile or two of us....I wish Grandmother would write to me if she feels like it – she writes such good letters.

Your aft, Son & Bro,
Wm. G. Bentley



In Christ's Hands prepares Thanksgiving meal
The Salem Church of the Nazarene and In Christ's Hands Faith Based Special needs workshop took time out to give thanks for all their blessings, as the clients cooked and prepared the Thanksgiving meal through their skills and development program of learning life skills for their family and friends. The program continues to teach, grow and enrich their lives as well as others in the community. TOP: Front, from left, Andrew Shasteen, Connie Gorby; middle row, Deb McKenzie, Jaclyn Johnson, Sundee Shasteen, Sarah Southall, Heather Green, Megan Earlin, Ryan Creighton; back row, Thomas Baun, Abigail Townsend, Keegan Todd, James Hutson, Connie Whitmer and Brenda Beolhn. ABOVE: Keegan Todd and Bob Mulhall. RIGHT: JoAnn Kirchner and Abigail Townsend. (Submitted photos)



Salem businesswoman joins CABPW
Gerri McGonagle, DTR, LNHA, administrator for Essex of Salem I, was inducted into the Columbiana Area Business and Professional Women on Nov. 27 at Mason's Steak House. As membership is rapidly growing, the CABPW is inviting prospective new members to the next meeting on Jan. 22 at Mason's Steakhouse. For more information contact Lori Everly at leverly1101@aol.com or on Facebook at Columbiana Area Business and Professional Women. Pictured are McGonagle, left, and CABPW President Jenny Pike. (Submitted photo)

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Brock Young, Chloe Jordan and Skyler Bettis of Mrs. Kalan's class help Chef JR Straley serve the mystery food in the Reilly cafeteria.



Students in Ms. Powell's third-grade class reading to their Book Buddies in the Columbiana County Educational Service Center's preschool class taught by Mrs. Dawson.



Blaize Exline Mrs. McTrusty's class casting his vote in the Reilly Mock Election.



Hannah Bowers and Anthony Lopez of Mrs. Kalan's class prepare to enter the Crazy Maze at the Reilly Fall Festival.



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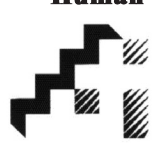
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Grammys spread the love with 6 top nominees

By **CHRIS TALBOTT**
AP Music Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn.— The Grammy Awards celebrated the diversity of music as six different artists tied for lead nominee — Kanye West, Jay-Z, Frank Ocean, Dan Auerbach of The Black Keys, Mumford & Sons and fun.

Auerbach received five nominations as a member of the Keys and also is up for producer of the year, earning a spot with the others at the top of the list as the Grammy’s primetime television special came to his hometown Wednesday night.

“We’re speechless,” Auerbach said in a statement to The Associated Press from Germany, where he’s on tour with drummer Patrick Carney.

The rockers little resemble any of the other acts at the top of the list. The nominations for Jay-Z and West, two of hip-hop’s most important figures, is a familiar refrain. Each has routinely been at or near the top of the nominations list for the last several years.

Indie pop band fun., a featured performer during the show, aired live from Nashville’s Bridgestone Arena on CBS, rode the success of its anthemic hit “We Are Young” featuring Janelle Monae to sweep of the major categories, earning nods for best new artist, song and record for “We Are Young” and album of the year for “Some Nights.” The band’s producer Jeff Bhasker is up for four nominations.

“When you call your band fun. with a period at the end of the sentence, you set a very high standard for yourself and for fun itself,” Taylor Swift, the concert’s co-host, said in introducing them. “Fortunately this band from New York has lived up to the name in the best possible way.”

R&B singer Ocean, whose mother was in attendance, made a bold social statement earlier this year when he noted he had a same-sex relationship in the liner notes of his new album “channel ORANGE,” and The Recording Academy rewarded him with the nominations for best new artist, record for “Thinkin Bout You” and album of the year.

And British folk-rock band



Hosts Taylor Swift and LL Cool J sing onstage at the Grammy Nominations Concert Live! at Bridgestone Arena on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012, in Nashville, Tenn. (Photo by Wade Payne/Invision/AP)

Mumford & Sons, which made an auspicious debut in front of an international audience during the 2011 Grammys, is up for album of the year for “Babel,” one of 2012’s best-selling releases.

Miguel, who helped Ocean shake up the R&B world this year, and jazz great Chick Corea join the Keys with five nominations apiece. Nas and recording engineer Bob Ludwig join Bhasker at four apiece.

There were no major snubs. Most of 2012’s inescapable hits are represented in some way — Gotye’s “Somebody That I Used To Know” is up for record of the year and Carly Rae Jepsen’s “Call Me Maybe” garnered a song of the year nod. Drake, Rihanna and Nashville residents Swift, Kelly Clarkson, Jack White and best new artist nominee Hunter Hayes were among 16 nominees with three nods.

In many ways the nominations reflect a singles-driven year when no album rose to the level of acclaim as Adele’s “21” or West’s “My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy,” which dominated the Grammys last February.

The best new artist category is a great example of this year’s diversity. From the minimalist R&B of Ocean, the pop-influenced sounds of fun. and Hayes, the soulful rock of Alabama Shakes and the Americana swing of The Lumineers, there’s little resemblance between the acts.

“I think people listen to a lot of types of music and Spotify has proven that, and iPod has proven that,” Lumineers member Wes Schultz said. “... Every person in that audience tonight, I saw them freaking out about various artists that have no relationship to each other.”

Alabama Shakes drummer Steve Johnson noted the diversity in the category after the show, then made a surprising statement: “If I were on the other side of the fence, I’d vote Frank Ocean personally.”

The members of fun. were “dorking it up” as they learned about their nominations, lead singer Nate Ruess said, and were

especially excited to show up in the album of the year category, which also included Ocean’s major label debut, the Keys’ “El Camino,” Mumford’s “Babel” and White’s “Blunderbuss.”

“It’s been an incredible year in music,” guitarist Jack Antonoff said. “It feels like alternative music is back, looking at album of the year, especially those nominations. We couldn’t be more proud to be in there. ... I think when we were sitting in our chairs out there, when we saw Jack White up there, that’s when we really pinched ourselves. We felt so honored to be in the same category.”

Miguel also had his mind on the forgotten art form of the album. Nominated in the major category of song of the year for “Adorn,” he said in a phone interview from New York that he was most excited about another category — urban contemporary album.

“Of all of the categories to be nominated for, that is the one that means the most to me just because I just, I miss great albums. That’s a huge compliment to say

that your entire body of work was the best of the year,” he said. “I don’t know. That’s the one that means the most to me. I’m really hoping maybe, just maybe.”

He’ll find out when the 55th annual Grammy Awards take place Feb. 10 in Los Angeles. Trophies will be handed out in 81 categories.

The 5-year-old nominations show was held outside Los Angeles for the first time and showcased Music City for its growing role in the music industry. The Bridgestone Arena marked the largest venue the show has been held in and it may have been a dress rehearsal for a chance to host the main awards show sometime in the future.

LL Cool J returned as host, sharing duties with Swift, whose hit song “We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together” earned a nod in the jam-packed record of the year category. She was joined by fun., Gotye, Clarkson’s “Stronger (What Doesn’t Kill You),” The Black Keys’ “Lonely Boy” and Ocean’s “Thinkin Bout You.”

Song of the year nominees were Ed Sheeran’s “The A Team,” Miguel’s “Adorn,” Jepsen’s “Call Me Maybe,” Clarkson’s “Stronger (What Doesn’t Kill You)” and fun.’s “We Are Young.”

Swift and LL Cool J opened the show by putting together a beat-box version of Swift’s hit “Mean.” Hayes displayed his versatility while announcing the best pop vocal album by singing snippets of each star’s hit song. Maroon 5 played headliner, singing three songs mid-show before finishing off the live broadcast. The group stuck around for an hourlong performance afterward for the crowd in attendance.

Assisted by Monae, fun. reimagined “We Are Young” with orchestral strings as the crowd sang along. Ne-Yo, in wine-colored bowler, kicked things up with a cadre of dancers on his new club-infused song “Let Me Love You.” And the show tipped its hat to Nashville with a salute to Johnny Cash by Dierks Bentley and The Band Perry.

AP Music Writer Mesfin Fekadu contributed to this report from New York.

Jazz composer, pianist dies

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Jazz composer and pianist Dave Brubeck, whose pioneering style in pieces such as “Take Five” caught listeners’ ears with exotic, challenging rhythms, has died. He was 91.

Brubeck died Wednesday morning of heart failure after being stricken while on his way to a cardiology appointment with his son Darius, said his manager Russell Gloyd. Brubeck would have turned 92 on Thursday.

Brubeck had a career that spanned almost all American jazz since World War II. He formed The Dave Brubeck Quartet in 1951 and was the first modern jazz musician to be pictured on the cover of Time magazine — on Nov. 8, 1954 — and he helped define the swinging, smoky rhythms of 1950s and ‘60s club jazz.

The seminal album “Time Out,” released by the quartet in 1959, was the first ever million-selling jazz LP, and is still among the best-selling jazz albums of all time. It opens with “Blue Rondo a la Turk” in 9/8 time — nine beats to the measure instead of the customary two, three or four beats.

A piano-and-saxophone whirlwind based loosely on a Mozart piece, “Blue Rondo” eventually intercuts between Brubeck’s piano and a more traditional 4/4 jazz rhythm.

The album also features “Take Five” — in 5/4 time — which became the Quartet’s signature theme and even made the Billboard singles chart in 1961. It was composed by Brubeck’s longtime saxophonist, Paul Desmond.

“When you start out with goals — mine were to play polytonally and polyrhythmically — you never exhaust that,” Brubeck told The Associated Press in 1995. “I started doing that in the 1940s. It’s still a challenge to discover what can be done with just those two elements.”

After service in World War II and study at Mills College in Oakland, Calif., Brubeck formed an octet including Desmond on alto sax and Dave van Kreidt on tenor, Cal Tjader on drums and Bill Smith on clarinet. The group played Brubeck originals and standards by other composers, including some early experimentation in unusual time signatures. Their groundbreaking album “Dave Brubeck Octet” was recorded in 1946. The group evolved into the Quartet, which played colleges and universities. The Quartet’s first album, “Jazz at Oberlin,” was recorded live at Oberlin College in Ohio in 1953.

Ten years later, Joe Morello on drums and Eugene Wright on bass joined with Brubeck and Desmond to produce “Time Out.” In later years Brubeck composed music for operas, ballet, even a contemporary Mass.

In 1988, he played for Mikhail Gorbachev, at a dinner in Moscow that then-President Ronald Reagan hosted for the Soviet leader.

“I can’t understand Russian, but I can understand body language,” said Brubeck, after seeing the general secretary tapping his foot.

In the late 1980s, Brubeck contributed music for one episode of an eight-part series of television specials, “This Is America, Charlie Brown.”

His music was for an episode involving NASA and the space station. He worked with three of his sons — Chris on bass trombone and electric bass, Dan on drums and Matthew on cello — and included excerpts from his Mass “To Hope! A Celebration,” his oratorio “A Light in the Wilderness,” and a piece he had composed but never recorded, “Quiet As the Moon.”

“That’s the beauty of music,” he told the AP in 1992. “You can take a theme from a Bach sacred chorale and improvise. It doesn’t make any difference where the theme comes from; the treatment of it can be jazz.”

In 2006, the University of Notre Dame gave Brubeck its Laetare Medal, awarded each year to a Roman Catholic “whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the church and enriched the heritage of humanity.”

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Hints to go away unheeded by cousin

Dear Annie: My niece, "Susan," is 23 years old and in college. After four years, she still hasn't picked a major. She is quite intelligent, but lazy and immature. She is socially awkward and has lost friends because of her negative attitude.



My problem is, Susan wants to "hang out" with my 15-year-old daughter. She invites herself over whenever she likes.

My daughter is a terrific, normal girl who excels in sports and school and has many friends. She doesn't want to hang out with a 23-year-old cousin, and we don't want her to, either.

We try to make excuses, hoping Susan will eventually get the hint, to no avail. Her mother doesn't get hints, either. It sometimes puts us in an awkward position because she is so persistent. I am tired of being expected to accommodate Susan because she is family. That shouldn't be a free pass for forcing my child to be around someone who is neither age appropriate nor a good influence. I don't want my daughter's "half-full" optimism to be drained by someone who always thinks the glass is half-empty. Suggestions? — **Annoyed Mom**

Dear Mom: What you call "lazy and immature" is much more complicated. When we hear that a young person is intelligent but socially awkward, it could be Asperger syndrome. The fact that Susan likes to hang around with your 15-year-old daughter indicates that she is uncomfortable with her peers. If her mother is the same way, it is likely to be an inherited trait and environmentally reinforced behavior. Please stop hinting to people who don't get it. Talk to both Susan and her mother. Say that you think Susan is smart and you love her, but that she would benefit from finding more appropriate friends. Suggest they talk to Susan's physician about an evaluation.

Dear Annie: Please address a common breach of basic table manners. I see folks who should know better use their index finger to push all sorts of food onto their forks. This includes beans, rice, peas, etc. There is always a perfectly good knife alongside their plates, but they don't use it.

"Finger food" is one thing, but this extends the definition too far, and it is absolutely disgusting. Are some people so lazy that they are not willing to pick up their knives? — **Mr. Manners**

Dear Mr. Manners: Maybe, but we will give them the benefit of the doubt and assume they simply do not know any better. In addition to one's knife, it is permissible to use a piece of bread to push such things onto a fork, but it is not good manners to use your fingers to do so. If these people are your children, you may correct them. Otherwise, you will simply have to hold your tongue and set a good example.

Dear Annie: I hope you have room for one more letter about bridal couples who neglect to pay the pastor or the organist.

Our church solved the issue of wedding fees by printing a booklet with prices and church policies. The booklet is given to couples who want to marry in our church. The fees for the pastor, organist and custodian must be paid at the rehearsal. — **Church Musician**

Dear Musician: We've heard from a great many church organists and pastors who have said that these fees should be mentioned at the time the couple inquires about holding the wedding, and that the money should be paid in advance.

Dear Readers: Tonight is The Compassionate Friends' Worldwide Candle Lighting for children who have died. Please light a candle this evening at 7 p.m., local time, and remember them with love.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"IN AND OUT" By TOM HEILMAN

ACROSS

- 1 Inn option
- 7 Assigned in spades
- 14 Sources of some stadium images
- 20 Spanish novelist Blasco ____
- 21 Monster with both a lion's and a goat's head
- 22 Piano brand
- 23 Wolfing down burgers and fries while driving?
- 25 Like corn in the kettle
- 26 Tibetan priest
- 27 Rough talk
- 28 Meryl Streep's alma mater
- 30 Pasture parent
- 31 Depilatory cream
- 33 Plus-size supermodel
- 36 Suffix meaning "living substance"
- 38 Rocky road from fad to fashion?
- 45 "Speed-the-Plow" playwright
- 46 Many millennia
- 47 Kind of bran
- 48 Port of Yemen
- 49 "Wiedersehen" Personnel list
- 53 Whomp relative
- 55 To-do list item
- 57 Solidarity among commoners?
- 62 Vents frustration toward
- 63 Offscreen friend in "Ernest" films
- 64 Professor 'iggins
- 65 On the safer side
- 66 Former Indy champ Bobby
- 68 Kid's comeback
- 70 Jefferson Davis's sch.
- 74 Brief court plea
- 75 Actor whose voice is emulated by Snagglepuss the Lion
- 77 Put to shame
- 79 Reenactment of a memorable scene from "The Exorcist"?
- 83 "Reservoir Dogs" actor
- 85 Polar sheet
- 86 Radio host John
- 87 Ironically, he composed the "Microsoft sound" on a Mac

- 88 Drying oven
- 89 Actor Daniel ____ Kim
- 90 Utterly
- 93 Washing station
- 95 "Dismount" or "settle"?
- 101 Sipped uncertainly
- 102 Contrary current
- 103 ____ cava
- 104 Gone by
- 106 Ripped off
- 109 City near Anaheim
- 111 Daughter of Darth
- 115 What opinions often do
- 117 Food-fight evidence at the picnic?
- 121 Proofer's finds
- 122 Sing unlike Bing
- 123 Golf shoe brand
- 124 Shifty sort
- 125 Blows up
- 126 Hinge (on)

DOWN

- 1 Iranian currency

- 2 "Dancing Queen" band
- 3 Respectful address
- 4 Not as slow as adagio
- 5 Lawn beads
- 6 Hank who voices some "Simpsons" characters
- 7 Chance-of-rain nos.
- 8 Optimistic reply
- 9 Small, aptly?
- 10 Leggy runner
- 11 John who loved Colorado
- 12 Ocean predator
- 13 Offhand turn downs
- 14 To a large degree
- 15 Actress Linney et al.
- 16 Online exchanges, briefly
- 17 Memorable Eastwood line
- 18 "Close call!"

- 19 "Marat/____": 1963 play
- 24 Tale
- 29 Tie concern
- 32 Team moving to the American League in 2013
- 34 McKinley, e.g.: Abbr.
- 35 Learn all aspects of
- 37 Packer with a strong arm
- 38 Relating to regional animal life
- 39 "Don't worry about me"
- 40 Unheeding
- 41 Performing trip
- 42 Get down?
- 43 Seinfeld's Uncle Leo portrayer ____ Lesser
- 44 Cut off
- 45 Tierney of "NewsRadio"
- 51 Winning like crazy
- 52 Smashes beyond repair
- 54 Top dog
- 55 Dresses

- 56 Sign of hope
- 58 Riesling giant Chateau ____ Michelle
- 59 FDR project
- 60 "____, we won't go!": '60s antiwar chant
- 61 Like some nuts
- 67 To what length
- 69 Woofers sound
- 70 Work the aisles, in slang
- 71 "Oh, come on!"
- 72 Avoid waffling
- 73 Accompaniment
- 74 Marlins' div.
- 76 Ancient
- 78 Cinder
- 79 Issues requiring attention
- 80 Absolute
- 81 Quebec's ____ Orleans
- 82 Chiwere speaker
- 83 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie ____": 1974 hit
- 84 Clean off plates?
- 89 Dimwit

- 91 Kept under wraps
- 92 Color in large Crayola packs
- 94 Running swiftly
- 96 Equal, as expectations
- 97 Cleaning basic
- 98 Declining in later years
- 99 Chevy subcompact
- 100 Tilted
- 104 Food truck drinks
- 105 Lass
- 107 Report generators
- 108 Foil relative
- 110 Pensioned: Abbr.
- 112 Berlin article
- 113 Participation declaration
- 114 Preschool song opener
- 116 Short-lived diet, perhaps
- 118 Sm. change
- 119 Land div. by the 38th parallel
- 120 Absorbed, as a cost

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Bon Jovi talks charity, tour, daughter's struggle

By JOHN CARUCCI

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NEW YORK — Jon Bon Jovi has been with his band for more than 30 years, so he could be considered something of an expert when it comes to the durability of rock stars. Still, even Bon Jovi is mystified at how the senior set is dominating on the stage.

"I can't get over it," said Bon Jovi, who will perform next week with Paul McCartney, The Who, Bruce Springsteen and a host of other superstars at the 12-12-12 concert at Madison Square Garden to benefit victims of Superstorm Sandy.

"I'm (expletive) dying already and I'm gonna go out there and play four songs. How do they do it?" he said, joking. "The Who and (Mick) Jagger and McCartney. ... I'm not going to be that journeyman. ... I'm not going to be that 75-year-old guy doing 150 shows a year."

But at 50, he's not ready for early retirement either. Bon Jovi has a couple of songs in the upcoming Al Pacino film, "Stand Up Guys," and the band just completed their 12th studio album, "What About Now," set for release early next year. They also have a world tour kicking off in Connecticut on Feb. 9.

Bon Jovi was in a jovial mood when he sat down with The Associated Press last week to discuss his group's

upcoming projects, but turned somber when he discussed some of the more painful events to hit him in 2012: The devastation caused in his home state of New Jersey by Superstorm Sandy and the recent troubles of his 19-year-old daughter, Stephanie Bongiovi, found unresponsive in her dorm room at an upstate New York college last month after an apparent heroin overdose. Still, he discussed it all with candor — and optimism.

AP: What was the intent of releasing the single, album and tour in stages?

Bon Jovi: I know how to do it. It's as simple as that. ... New songs are why artists go on the road. That's why I go on the road. It's a three-prong play. Writing: You're intrigued. Recording: It brings it to life. And then you want to share it.

AP: Tell me about being part of the Jersey rocker pedigree.

Bon Jovi: Depends what day of the week that it is. Those are my roots. That truth helped us not fall into the trap of our peer group in the mid-'80s. Being from New Jersey was actually a great asset, now that I'm a much older, wiser man. ... If



Jon Bon Jovi

you were to ask me about a mistake I have made, it's calling my fourth album, 'New Jersey,' because for the first time in my life, we were compared to the E Street Band. I don't think we're anything like the E Street Band. There's a Jersey root there. I love

the band. I grew up loving them. But I didn't want to sit up there telling (imitating Springsteen), 'Jonny when I was 16 ...' Uh uh. There was a lot of guys jumping on that bandwagon. I didn't do that.

AP: Do you see similarities between you and Bruce Springsteen as philanthropists?

Bon Jovi: My philanthropy is no relation to anybody else's. None. My philanthropy and what we do at the foundation speaks for itself and has no relation to anyone's. I don't know what he does as a humanitarian. I have no clue. ... I'm talking about what I do at the Soul Kitchen (his community restaurant in New Jersey). It's a whole other level. It's millions of dollars in a foundation that does stuff.

AP: You seem to honestly care about people and not just the photo opp. You left London early to see the aftermath of Sandy. Why do you

care so much?

Bon Jovi: That's a deep question without a simple answer. I throw gasoline and light the match on that photo opp guy. This was the argument in politics this year. Entitlements. I call them empowerments. If a guy doesn't have to worry so much on how he's going to have to get fed tonight, maybe he can concentrate on reading the book or going to get a job. Maybe his kids are going to be happier.

AP: With your daughter recently in the news, how do you go forward from there?

Bon Jovi: I didn't have any sisters. We bring home this girl the first day. Now what? Where's the manual? There was no manual. So you bring her up the best you can, you surround her with hugs and kisses and know that she may eventually fall down. I appreciate the outpouring of kindness in light of what happened in my household. I'm shocked as much as the next parent with this situation and had no idea. But then you surround them with best help and love and move on, and that's where we're at with it. Steph is a great kid. Great GPA. Cool school, Hamilton College up in Clinton, N.Y. Everything about it is idyllic. She was doing great. Then a sudden and steep decline. Hopefully, we caught it when we did and that's the end of it. But who knew? I've got three more to come.

Rock Hall names new president-CEO

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland has hired its new president and CEO from within its leadership ranks.

The Rock Hall's vice president of development since 2008, Gregory Harris, was announced Monday as president and CEO.

The 47-year-old Harris joined the Rock Hall from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y., where he was vice president of development.

Terry Stewart announced in May that he would retire as Rock Hall president and CEO. Stewart has led the Rock Hall since 1999.

Under Stewart's leadership, the Rock Hall improved its bottom line, renovated the museum and established a library and archives.

Bachelorette weds reality show beau

NEW YORK (AP) — Ashley Hebert is no longer a "Bachelorette."

The 28-year-old Maine native got hitched over the weekend in Pasadena, Calif., to 35-year-old J.P. Rosenbaum of Long Island, who proposed to her on the seventh season of the ABC dating reality show "The Bachelorette." Hebert tweeted that "12/1/12 goes down in history as the best day of my life!"

Natalia Desrosiers, spokeswoman for Warner Bros. Television, which produces the show, said the wedding will be aired on Dec. 16 on ABC.

Hebert, who also competed on the 15th season of "The Bachelor," grew up in Madawaska, Maine, and is a dentist. The couple now resides in the New York City area.

Reese Witherspoon honored by Dimes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — New mom Reese Witherspoon is being honored by March of Dimes for being a model celebrity parent.

The 36-year-old Oscar winner and mother of three received the organization's Grace Kelly Award at its Celebration of Babies luncheon Friday at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Witherspoon gave birth in September to a son, Tennessee, with her husband, talent agent Jim Toth. She's also mom to Ava, 13, and Deacon, 8, from her previous marriage to actor Ryan Phillippe.

Witherspoon says she was "very lucky to have a healthy delivery and leave the hospital with a healthy full term infant, but so many families in this country do not get that experience."

She hopes her involvement with March of Dimes calls attention to its efforts to prevent birth defects and premature birth.

Frankie Muniz suffers 'mini stroke'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Frankie Muniz says he was hospitalized last week after suffering a "mini stroke."

The former star of "Malcolm in the Middle" wrote on Twitter Tuesday that he was treated Friday for a "mini stroke," which he describes as "not fun at all."

He says he has to "start taking care of my body. Getting old!" but provided no other details. Muniz turned 27 Wednesday.

A representative for Muniz did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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